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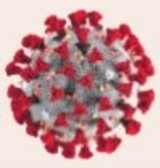

SIGNS OF INDIA'S VIRUS CURVE FLATTENING AS NEW CASES FALL

A sharp decline in the number of fresh Covid-19 cases since mid-September indicates India has crossed the virus peak

ACTIVE CASE COUNT DOWN, RECOVERIES UP

While 92,839 fresh coronavirus cases were recorded every day on an average between September 9 and 15, it has come down to 70,114 new cases per day between October 7 and 13, according to official data. Total active virus cases, too, after reaching a peak of 10.17 lakh on September 18, declined and stood at 8.12 lakh on Thursday morning

BUT, THE HORROR MAY NOT BE OVER YET

- There has also been a fall in the number of Covid-19 deaths. If on September 29, India registered a record 1,179 deaths in a day, this number has stayed below 800 over the last three days
- Experts, however, cautioned that number of cases and deaths may rise again, as a possible second wave of infections kicks in

72.8 days

TIME FOR COVID-19 CASES TO DOUBLE IN INDIA NOW. IT WAS 25 DAYS IN MID-AUG

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Oppn biggies form People's Alliance in J&K

To unitedly begin fight for restoring special powers the state had before August 5, 2019

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SOME indications of the revival of political activity in J&K emerged on Thursday as major mainstream Opposition parties like the Mehbooba Mufti-led Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Farooq Abdullah's National Conference and four others formalised their consolidation by forging a Peoples Alliance to demand restoration of the state's special status.

Fresh from her release from detention after 14 months, Mufti added heft to the meeting convened at Abdullah's residence on the Gupkar Declaration, which had, on August 4, 2019, vowed to safeguard J&K's special status — a day before Article 370 was hollowed out.

> **We have now named it the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration. Ours is a constitutional battle**
>
> Farooq Abdullah, National Conference chief

"We have now named it the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration. Ours is a constitutional battle," Abdullah said, adding the alliance will strive for restoration of the constitutional position of J&K as it existed before August 5 last year.

A meeting to evolve an action plan will be held in a few days. "We will struggle for restoration of the rights that were snatched last year from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh," said Abdullah, who was the first mainstream leader and former chief minister to be booked under the stringent Public Safety Act after his detention on August 5.

For her part, Mufti said: "Gupkar Declaration is an amalgamation of NC, PDP, PC, CPI(M), ANC & JKPM jointly striving to restore the rights & dignity of people of J&K. The greatest disservice would be reducing it to PDP/NC or two political families."

Thursday's meeting was also attended by former chief minister Omar Abdullah, People's Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone, J&K People's Movement leader Javaid Mustafa Mir and CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami. J&K Congress president Ghulam Ahmed Mir did not attend due to ill health.

National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar and PDP head Mehbooba Mufti at a meeting on the Gupkar Declaration in Srinagar on Thursday | PTI

RAIN-BATTERED NORTH K'TAKA GRINDS TO A HALT

A local resident rues the damage to standing crop after flood water inundated farm lands at Murnal village in Bagalkot district on Thursday. Several districts of the state, mostly in North Karnataka, are facing the onslaught of unrelenting downpour since the last couple of days. Incessant rain ravaged agriculture fields and residential areas in Belagavi. In Kalaburagi, NDRF personnel rescued nine people, including two children, from a school at Malkhed. Heavy rain in Chitradurga district caused distress among a section of the farmers. While ragi cultivators were happy, those growing onion, paddy and vegetables have lost a portion of their yield | HEMANTH D

Climbdown? Centre to borrow ₹1.1L cr to make up for states' GST shortfall

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Thursday said it will borrow up to ₹1.1 lakh crore in tranches under a special window to bridge states' GST revenue shortfall.

According to a Finance Ministry statement, the money "will be passed on to states as a back-to-back loan in lieu of GST compensation cess releases". This means that while the Centre will borrow the money, it will reflect in states' books.

Telangana Finance Minister T Harish Rao said, "It is not acceptable to us. The loan amount will be shown in the capital receipts of state governments. The burden will be on states."

However, Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac welcomed the move. "But there is one issue yet to be resolved-how much of compensation is to be deferred to 2023? Negotiate this point and reach a consensus," he tweeted.

Former FMP Chidambaram, too, welcomed it, saying, "If the Centre has decided to borrow the ₹1.1 lakh crore and extend it to the states as back-to-back loans, I welcome the change of position."

Talking to *TNIE*, Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj, however, sought to downplay the notion that the Centre has climbed down from its earlier position. "There is no change in the government's stance. The Centre will borrow from RBI and the amount will be passed on to states as 'back-to-back' loan. This will have no impact on the fiscal deficit of the Centre," he said.

Clarifying the rationale behind the Centre's borrowing, another officer said, "When states borrow directly from RBI, interest rates will depend on their ratings. When the Centre borrows and passes it on to states, the rate of interest will be same for all states." Twenty-one states have so far chosen the special borrowing window to meet GST revenue shortfall.

'K'taka looking into FinMin's request for authorisation'

Funds to be borrowed under spl window

The letter acknowledged that Karnataka had opted for Option-1 and pointed out that in view of the shortfall in implementing GST, which is estimated to be Rs 1,10,208 cr for all states, funds will be borrowed under special window coordinated by the ministry for states like Karnataka coming under Option-1.

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE State Finance Department is studying the Union Government's request for an authorisation letter regarding payment of interest and repayment of debt from future GST compensation. The state is expected to send its response by October 16.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, the state's representative in the GST Council, Basavraj Bommai said, "After the Finance Department goes through it, we will put send it to the Chief Minister who will take a final decision on this."

Bommai said that the Union Finance Ministry had, in its letter dated October 15, said that to facilitate creation of the special window for borrowing at optimum cost and for easy servicing of debt, it is necessary to provide authorisation to the Central Government to make payment of interest and repayment of principal from the compensation payable to the state.

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India, China in 'confidential talks', says Jaishankar

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said India and China are engaged in "confidential talks" to resolve the ongoing border tensions.

"Discussions are on. Disengagement is a work in progress. What is going on is something confidential between us and the Chinese, There is not very much that I am in a position to say in public. I certainly do not want to prejudge it," he said speaking at the Bloomberg India Economic Forum.

The minister noted that there has been an unprecedented troop build-up along the Line of Actual Control. "The primary cause of disruption is when peace and tranquility are not ensured and the agreements that have been signed are not honoured," he said.

Jaishankar said the ties between India and China have improved since 1993 when the two countries signed a series of agreements on maintaining peace along the border.

Analysing the current tensions, he said that the challenge is to find equilibrium between the rise of India and the rise of China. "Can a rising China and rising India find equilibrium? What you see at the border is an expression of that challenge," he said.

A former diplomat, who did not wish to be named, said the minister was being cautious as China could not be fully trusted.

"Only a couple of days ago, China said it does not recognise Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh. The minister is making sure that he and his government are not making far-fetched comments, only to be embarrassed by China. Also, there are some diplomatic dialogues which cannot be out in the public," he said.

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EXPRESS READ

Govt pushes CT Thorax scan in Covid care

Bengaluru: The State government on Thursday issued instructions to overcome false negative cases reported through RT-PCR tests by extending diagnostic methods to Covid-19-like syndrome for early treatment. It recommending CT Thorax scan findings and other lab investigations. P3

Bar owner shot dead in city, killers at large

Bengaluru: Manish Shetty (45), the owner of Duet Bar and Restaurant off Brigade Road, was shot dead by motorcycle-borne men late on Thursday evening, police said. Manish Shetty, a native of Koppa town, had just come out of the bar near Brigade Road when he was shot at. P5

WITH THIS ISSUE BENGALURU'S BEST WEEKEND GUIDE INDULGE 30 PAGES, INCLUDING 16 OF INDULGE (TABLOID)

K'TAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

8,477 TEST POSITIVE ON THURSDAY

10,283 TOTAL DEATHS

7,43,848 TOTAL CASES

6,20,008 TOTAL DISCHARGES

1,13,538 TOTAL ACTIVE CASES

3,000 People recover in Mysuru in just five days, with the district seeing a recovery rate of 82%

B'luru Urban reports 3,788 +ves on Thursday

An assistant in the office of the Secretary to the Chief Minister tests positive

• FULL COVERAGE P3

In hunt for drug case accused, cops raid actor Vivek Oberoi's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BOLLYWOOD actor Vivek Oberoi's Mumbai residence was searched by Karnataka's Central Crime Branch (CCB) police in connection with the ongoing investigation in the Sandalwood drugs case. The search was carried out as the police had information that Aditya Alva, an absconding accused in the case, could be "hiding" there. Vivek Oberoi is married to Aditya Alva's sister Priyanka.

The police, who obtained a search warrant from a court, left for Mumbai on Wednesday and landed at Oberoi's residence on Thursday noon and searched the house for almost two hours. "The couple was agitated for a while, but cooperated later. However, no crucial information emerged from the search and the couple claimed that they were not in touch with (Aditya) Alva," an official said.

"Alva can opt to surrender before the court or before the CCB. With Thursday's search at Oberoi's residence, the CCB has sent a strong message to Alva that they will get him from wherever he is hiding. He may not like to put his family into trouble," sources privy to the raid in Mumbai told this newspaper.

Aditya Alva's (left) sister is married to actor Vivek Oberoi (right)

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said, "We got some information that Alva is there (at Oberoi's house). So we wanted to check and hence, obtained a court warrant. A CCB team went to his house in Mumbai and searched the house". He added that Oberoi may know of Alva's whereabouts and hence, the house was raided.

Aditya, who is accused No. 6 (A6) in the FIR registered at Cottonpet police station, is the son of former Karnataka minister late Jeevaraj Alva. He has been absconding since September 4, when the CCB registered an FIR suo motu against him and 11 others, including Sandalwood actor Ragini Dwivedi, at the Cottonpet police station under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Dwivedi, along with another actor Sanjanna Galrani, was arrested and the duo is presently in judicial custody at the Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara.

"There have been sustained efforts by the CCB to get the absconding accused in the drugs case and they are following the trail of the three absconders – Aditya Alva, government employee Shivaprakash Chappi and alleged prime accused Sheikh Faazil, who is said to be a close associate of an MLA and runs a casino in Sri Lanka," said the source. The hunt for Alva in Mumbai comes a week after they searched the house of Ricky Rai, the son of late don-turned-politician Muthappa Rai, and questioned him. On September 22, the CCB issued a 'lookout notice' against Alva to prevent his escape from India. They raided Alva's sprawling family property — 'House of Life' — in Hebbal last month and claimed to have seized incriminating material from there.

Alva has reportedly emerged as "one of the main organisers of rave parties in the city along with events manager Viren Khanna and others. The CCB has arrested 12 suspects in the Cottonpet case.

RECLAIMING HABITAT

Jumbo hurdle ahead for Mekedatu project after SC order

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Supreme Court order on strengthening the Mudumalai elephant corridor in the Nilgiri Biosphere in Tamil Nadu has come as a booster for the Karnataka Forest Department, which is now making its case strong for better elephant habitats and corridors, especially in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS). This could well throw a spanner in the works for the Mekedatu reservoir project.

"The Supreme Court order will help strengthen the Hosur, Bannerghatta National Park, Satyamanagala and CWS corridor and habitat. But, if the Mekedatu project is cleared,a large portion of the elephant habitat will get submerged. The apex court orders to clear commercial projects and protect the Mudumalai elephant corridor will also help Karnataka. But immediate attention needs to be paid to the protection of the CWS, where the government is keen on implementing the Mekedatu reservoir project," a senior forest department official told TNIE.

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi had, in September, met Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat urging that the project be

cleared at the earliest and environmental clearance be given.

However, Karnataka Forest Department officials pointed out, "No proposal had come to us for clearance and it cannot be approved also. The CWS was declared as a sanctuary in 1985, but the government is doing little for its protection."

An official from the National Board for Wildlife said, "The Mekedatu reservoir is proposed in the core CWS elephant habitat of CWS and clearing it will lead to submergence of a large forest patch, affecting the corridor. It cannot be cleared and the Supreme Court verdict will be beneficial now." Although the Karnataka Government had issued orders to reclaim forest land and strengthen elephant corridors and habitats, the Forest Department has been unable to acquire any land in last five years. P7

ALMANAC TODAY

Friday: 16/10/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Adhika Ashwayuja • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Amavasya 1.40 am • Nakshatra: Hastha 3.49 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

BENGALURU WEATHER

MIN 19°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST: Showers late. Broken clouds

Sunrise 6.10 am | Sunset 6.00 pm | Moonrise 4.31 am | Moonset 5.05 pm

Trust deficit dogs Covid mgmt in slums

NGO sets up booths across Bengaluru, finds lack of awareness, fear of state government

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

OVER six months after the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted routine life, volunteers on the ground find that many Bengalureans still lack basic awareness about the virus. They also distrust the government, making it difficult to tackle the spread of Covid in the city's slums.

NGO Mercy Mission, which has been working to tackle the pandemic and related issues for six months, has set up booths across the city, and its volunteers have been going door-to-door to find symptomatic and vulnerable people.

The booths are free health screening camps for those with blood pressure and diabetes, but volunteers are using it to counsel people to get themselves tested for Covid-19.

"The main problem is that people in slums don't know what Covid-19 is, and the government has not educated them. They are scared and self-medicate with paracetamol and Cetrizine if they have symptoms. If they develop breathlessness, they approach PHCs, by which time helping them is a challenge," said Anas, the NGO's in-charge for East Zone.

Levying fines for not wearing masks is restricted to developed areas of the city, while slums are largely left out, he says.

Nabeela Shah, the NGO's West Zone in-charge, said there is mistrust among slum-dwellers. "Forced testing and quarantine by the government has built up resistance. Some wonder if Covid-19 really exists. There are rumours that hospitals kill patients and sell their kidneys," she said.

To create awareness, the NGO performs street plays — in Kannada, Urdu and Tamil — that talk about the importance of hand washing and maintaining distance, early treatment, and that Covid-19 is treatable.

"We give free soaps to women to attract them, and use other indirect methods to teach them to adopt precautions," Nabeela said. "People respond better when officials raise awareness rather than use forceful tactics," he said.

A senior BBMP health inspector said no one came forward to get tested when testing camps were set up in slums in West Zone.

"People think we take healthy individuals to hospitals and don't understand that they may be asymptomatic. We have stopped sealing down areas and putting up stickers stating a Covid case has been detected in a particular area. Only 10-20% of the educated come forward and get tested. BBMP is doing tests for free, but slum-dwellers don't understand that," the health inspector said.

DyCM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan visits PU lecturers protesting at the Pre-university Education Board in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

PUC LECTURERS CHOSEN, NOT GIVEN OFFER LETTERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

Letters for the appointment of short-listed candidates as lecturers in pre-university colleges were delayed due to objections from the Finance Department and Covid-19, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Higher Education Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said on Thursday.

"No state in the country has made any appointments due to Covid-19. Even our own state has completely withheld all new appointments to all departments. However, keeping the interest of the students in mind, the government has overlooked all obstacles in the appointment of lecturers," Dr Narayan told a gathering of about 250 candidates who were protesting the delay for the fourth day on the premises of the pre-university department.

Despite objections from the Department of Finance, counselling for the posts was held during the pandemic, he said, and added, "The Chief Minister himself is now handling the objections raised by the Finance Department, and has ordered that the appointment letters be released as soon as colleges begin."

However, candidates pointed out that there was no certainty on when colleges would reopen.

Narayana said the government would make arrangements for the reopening in accordance with the central government's directions. Despite the DyCM's appeal, the candidates did not call off their protest which enters its fifth day on Friday.

'KSR-Devanahalli corridor should be a priority'

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

With the suburban rail project finally getting its approval from the Centre after much delay, the Citizens For Citizens (C4C) wrote a letter to Chief Secretary, T M Vijay Bhaskar who also heads the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) to give priority for the implementation of the Bengaluru City (KSR)- Devanahalli (DHL) corridor.

It will improve connectivity to Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) from KSR to Yeshwanthpur (YPR), both of which already have metro stations nearby. Although the metro project is yet to receive a green signal from the Union government, the project will take years to complete, the letter stated. However, the suburban train can be completed in three years and at a lower cost with less land acquisition.

"It is logical, imperative and practical to have this corridor completed on high priority since the airport's second terminal will become operational by 2021-22," which will result in traffic chaos, the letter said.

The Bengaluru suburban rail project involves building four corridors connecting different parts of the city: KSR Bengaluru-Devanahalli, Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara, Kengeri-Cantonment-Whitefield, and Heelalige-Rajanakunte. Vijay Bhaskar could not be reached.

Metro card reverts to 60 days validity

BMRCL approaches Metro Rail Safety Commissioner

Bengaluru: After successfully conducting tests related to Traction, Signalling and Oscillaton on the Yelachenahalli-Anjanapura Line of Phase-II, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has submitted a detailed report of its results to the Metro Rail Safety Commissioner for approval. The 6.29km Reach 4B, the first one on Phase-II to be opened up, is aiming to launch operations on November 1 to mark Karnataka Rajyotsava Day. Reach 4B is the Southern extension of Phase-I's Green Line and will have the five elevated stations.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN a relief to Metro commuters, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has restored the validity of the top-up made on its Contactless Smart card to 60 days from the recharge date. It had reduced it to just 7 days in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedure issued when Metro services were restarted from September 7.

Ajay Seth, Managing Director, BMRCL, told TNIE, "The arrangement has been made in response to feedback from some commuters wanting longer validity period for the recharge."

According to a release, top-up is presently permitted only in contactless methods like the BMRCL website, mobile and Karnataka Mobile One service. The commuter needs to undertake the trip within seven days of the date of recharge or else, the amount lapses.

"If the public have missed presenting their cards at the gates within seven days, they may approach Customer Care Centres at any Metro station with the Smart Card and proof of having transferred such amounts to their Smart Cards. BMRCL will verify and if the transactions are made within 60 days, such amounts will be credited to the respective Smart Cards at Customer Care Centres," the release said.

Commuters who fail to present their Smart Card and get the top-up transactions completed within 60 days will lose their money, it added.

BMRCL had also recently extended validity for usage of the Smart Card for a period of 10 years.

FIRST DAY, POOR SHOW

There were few patrons at Sharada theatre which reopened on Thursday. Film exhibitors, who have taken a hit, are demanding compensation — one group refuses to reopen until its demands are met, while the Karnataka Film Exhibitors Association will run cinema halls but pressure the government | SHRIRAM BN

Flat buyer appeals to national forum, gets award for delay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) ordered Puravankara Projects Limited (PPL) to compensate a buyer for delay in handing over possession of her flat in Purva Highlands, off Kanakapura Road, in the city.

Partly allowing the appeal filed by Amritha Raj Kini, a resident of Kaveri Layout, NCDRC comprising Prem Narain, presiding member, and C Vishwanath, member, ordered PPL to pay compensation in the form of interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on the amount paid from September 24, 2010 till June 3, 2013, to the appellant.

The NCDRC also ordered PPL to pay Rs 5,000 per month as delay charges, as per the agreement, within 45 days from the date of receipt of the order, it said in the judgment dated September 30, 2020.

With this, NCDRC modified the order dated February 20, 2015, passed by the Karnataka Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, which only ordered PPL to deliver possession of the flat without awarding compensation. Against this, Kini filled an appeal before the NCDRC.

Kini contended that PPL had offered possession of the flat in March 2013 without obtaining the Occupancy Certificate (OC) and hence, she was not bound to take possession. Finally, during pendency of appeal, PPL gave the OC dated June 3, 2013, and the appellant took possession on March 26, 2018. Therefore, the delay needs to be compensated, it was argued.

PPL said the delay occurred due to force majeure conditions which were beyond its control. The appellant did not come forward to take possession even after it got the OC in 2013, and remained absent before the State Commission. Therefore, there was no question of compensation for the period beyond 2013, it claimed.

Referring to attempts made by PPL to hand over possession, NCDRC said: "Clearly, there was an effort on part of the complainant to extend the delivery of possession in order to get more compensation."

As per the agreement, PPL had to give possession by October 31, 2009. Kini had paid the last instalment on September 24, 2010. She claimed that she spent Rs 13 lakh on rental accommodation and the same be reimbursed by PPL, in addition to additional expenditure incurred.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16th October: When did time begin? This was a question I was discussing recently with some philosophers. The problem is that, if we say time began at a certain point, we have to know what time it was when time began. And if time didn't exist already, we wouldn't know what time it was. Don't worry – I don't understand it, either!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

You have been treading on your partner's toes right, left and centre. Today's splendid Moon reveals that you can now talk to everyone, make up, forgive and forget. The onus, though, is on you more than anyone else. Take the lead whenever you see that peace is needed.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Your astrological cycles bring new beginnings of a sort every month. Today's particular pattern suggests fresh starts at home, but it seems as if there is not enough time to make best use of certain helpful developments. Actually, you may be saved a great deal of hassle as a result!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon is aligned with your sign today, so take advantage of all pleasant and helpful developments. The one negative planetary influence will encourage you to go for a financial risk - the best bets are connected to boats, the seaside, the arts or fashion.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You can't live in the past for ever, and you simply have to cut out a lot of dead wood, but just how you do it is another matter. You may search your imagination for the right answers, but realise that the best may be the most unusual - a break with tradition perhaps?

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Courage! You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by jumping in at the deep end. In fact, other people will probably lend you a helping hand, though in ways that you at first fail to recognise. Oh, and even the occasional mistake will help you sharpen up your act.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

One thing it is possible to say at the moment is that you have a choice, that somehow home or family life must be the inspiration for your ideas, but that work or public life is most emotionally fulfilling. The precise situation will become clearer by next week.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You may have seen enough and done enough for now, and you could well feel that it's time to let matters slide. And why not? It's a fine moment to attend to yourself and your own very worthwhile fantasies. Dream a little. You never know - you might come up with a plan for the future!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

The chance of a financial choice is now looking pretty powerful, although it also looks as if you will make a meal out of options which are in fact seriously trivial. In the long run it may not matter which way you jump. What really counts is your purity of heart!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You have been ruled by your head rather than your heart. However, deeper feelings come into play today, perhaps prompted by a close encounter of the intense and emotional kind. You'll need to have all your wits about you if you're to figure out what someone else is really up to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Venus now reviews its dramatic relationship with Jupiter, but the results are likely to be as clear as mud! The more you think you know your feelings, the further you are likely to drift from reality. This is fine if you are happy to abandon your responsibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It doesn't matter whether you start the day racked by tension or completely laid back. Whatever your individual starting point, the Moon will lead you to greater relaxation, so please don't take on additional burdens. All you have to do is learn how to say 'no'.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

It's time to think. By that I don't mean that you should escape into your fantasies and avoid real life. I mean that you should face the facts, take decisions and be totally clear with other people about your intentions. That's no less than partners deserve.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I BOUGHT NEW GOLF CLUBS TODAY AND GAVE MY OLD ONES TO LT. FLAP
WHY ?
THEY JUST WEREN'T WORKING FOR ME
WHAT WILL YOUR EXCUSE BE IF THEY WORK FINE FOR HIM?

BLONDIE

DEAR, DID JODI AVERY HAPPEN TO CALL WHILE TOOTSIE AND I WERE OUT?
JODI AVERY?
I THOUGHT YOU AND JODI WEREN'T SPEAKING THESE DAYS
OFFICIALLY, WE AREN'T
BUT LATE-BREAKING GOSSIP OVERRIDES PETTY GRIEVANCES

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

5	9	6	1	8	7	2	4	3
7	1	2	3	6	4	5	8	9
4	3	8	9	2	5	7	6	1
1	2	9	7	5	6	8	3	4
8	4	3	2	1	9	6	5	7
6	7	5	8	4	3	9	1	2
9	6	7	4	3	8	1	2	5
2	5	4	6	9	1	3	7	8
3	8	1	5	7	2	4	9	6

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PLAAH

PIYML

LONREL

TRABET

Zero seconds plus zero seconds equals what?
So, let's say the clocks both start at zero.
That's nothing!
HE WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF ZERO SECONDS IN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHIDE CRUSH THRASH ENGAGE
Answer: How he ended up with poison ivy on his scalp was a — HEAD-SCRATCHER

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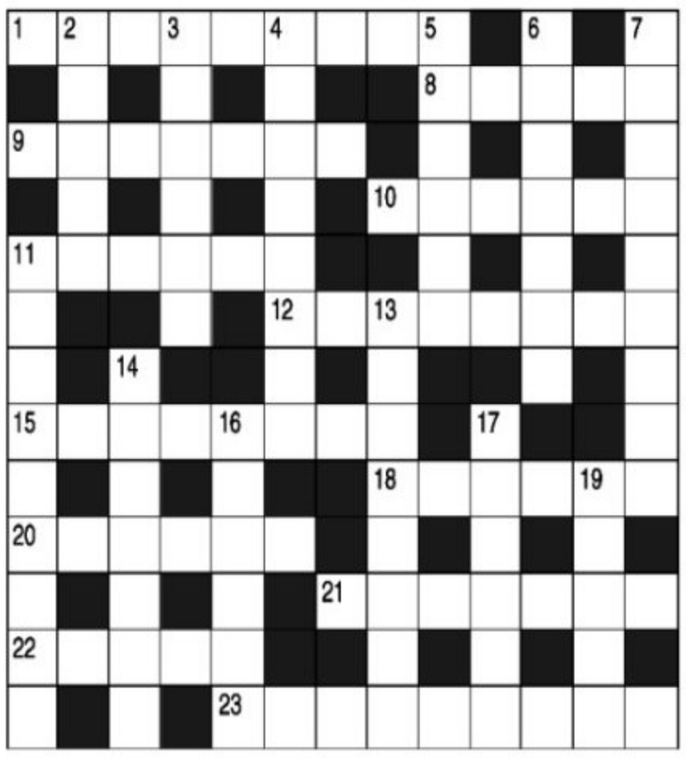
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Rowdy sons quiet? Suspects something (9)
8 It's light and portable (5)
9 Short cut from the beach? (7)
10 Reformed gambler (6)
11 Bronte play set in Brittany (6)
12 Suit for a girl's best friend (8)
15 The night air? (8)
18 Set on a particular course but utterly defeated (6)
20 General method that allows margin for error (6)
21 Medal that is presented for fruit drink (7)
22 Perceive the meaning (5)
23 How a mill hand will tell a story? (4,1,4)

DOWN

2 He introduces us to the girl (5)
3 A tense arrangement for the governing body (6)
4 Native I speak ill of (8)
5 Mass of people moving about in the road in the morning (6)
6 Eloquently appealing for a zero assessment (7)
7 New riches he'd treasured (9)
11 Suffering from fewer restrictions as far as one can see? (9)
13 One way of saying one doesn't like it? (8)
14 Conceals or publicly exhibits (7)
16 In America wise practices (6)
17 Try and use new business guarantee (6)
19 Tree entitled to respect (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Copious, 4 End up, 7 Ward, 8 Dumbbell, 10 Deductions, 12 Dismal, 13 Afloat, 15 Pickpocket, 18 Seconded, 19 Lope, 20 Yodel, 21 Steamed.

Down: 1 Cowed, 2 Paradise, 3 Studio, 4 Ebb and flow, 5 Deep, 6 Polecat, 9 Occasional, 11 Bookworm, 12 Debussy, 14 Skiers, 16 Tread, 17 Acid.

MORE COMPLICATIONS

Recovered Covid-19 patient develops clots

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

DAYS after he recovered from Covid-19, a 30-year-old man had to make his way to the emergency ward at Columbia Asia Hospital. Little did he know that he was headed for a second stint in the hospital, this time round, due to a condition he developed due to Covid-19.

Mahesh (name changed) went to the hospital with severe abdominal pain in mid-September and doctors realised he had developed blood clots in the right renal artery, following a Covid infection.

"It has been shown conclusively now that Covid-19 not only causes respiratory problems, but can induce blood clots in the arteries leading to life-threatening complications and morbidity. Early recognition and timely treatment are crucial for improving outcomes," said Dr Naveen Chandra, consultant and interventional cardiologist at Columbia Asia Hospital.

However, the causes for such developments are still not fully understood.

Doctors performed an angiogram and found blood clots in the right renal artery. He required treatment for infarction - tissue death which occurs due to insufficient blood supply to a particular area of the body. In Mahesh's case, it was an infarction in the right kidney.

Left untreated, blood clots can obstruct or slow blood flow and this can lead to stroke, heart attacks, and other conditions that could potentially be life-threatening.

Doctors extracted the clot and gave him anti-coagulants to prevent clotting. He recovered and was discharged in a week.

"In a large number of patients, initiation of anticoagulation for a few weeks (during Covid-19) are as important as treating the disease itself. They are treated with injectable or oral blood thinners for a few weeks. But Mahesh developed clots despite being on these medications," said Dr Indira Kedlaya, consultant of internal medicine at Columbia Asia Hospital.

CT Thorax scan to tackle RT-PCR's false negatives

All health establishments treating Covid directed to adhere to the test

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE State government on Thursday issued instructions to overcome false negative cases reported through RT-PCR tests by extending diagnostic methods to Covid-19-like syndrome for early detection and treatment.

A circular issued by the Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, recommended the use of CT Thorax scan findings and other laboratory investigations, to detect Covid-19 syndrome or Covid-19 probable cases "so that we can initiate treatment similar to Covid-19 confirmed cases as early as possible to reduce the spread of infection, morbidity and mortality".

This test has been approved by the Joint Experts Committee, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and the technical advisory committee of the Department of Health. All health establishments treating Covid-19 have been directed to strictly adhere to the tests to reduce Covid-19 mortality.

A visitor to Krishna, the Chief Minister's home office, being tested for Covid-19 as cases rise, in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

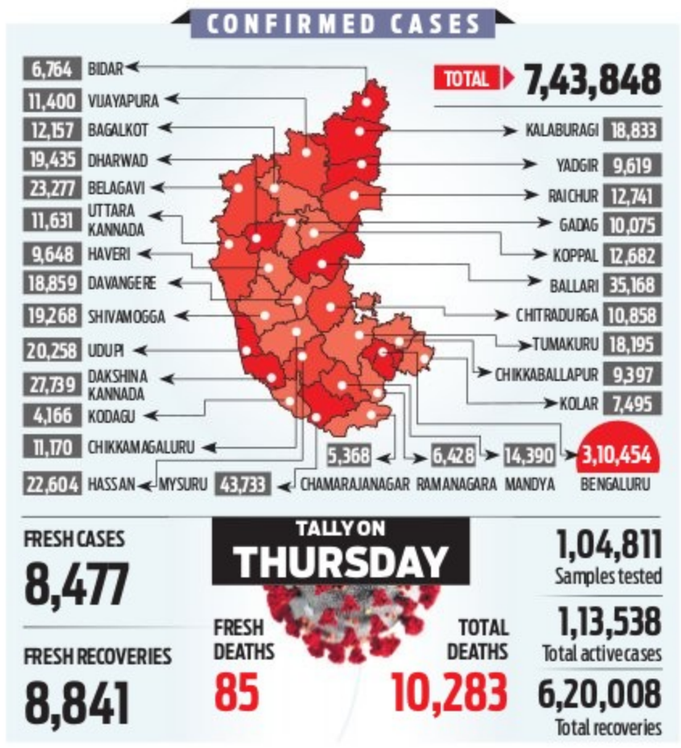
Viral infections manifest as varied clinical syndromes which are similar to many other pathogens, hence, it is not possible to confirm the diagnosis of patients with Covid-19 or influenza infection without a diagnostic test.

The circular states that in spite of clinical-radiological symptoms indicating symptoms of Covid-19, the RT-PCR test — considered the gold standard in testing for Covid-19 — may turn out negative.

The sensitivity and specificity of RT-PCR tests ranges between 60-7%, raising the possibility of missing positive cases through 'false negative' results, which allows those who are actually positive to walk out with a 'negative' report in hand.

The standard Q Covid-19 rapid antigen detection test, recommended by the Indian Council for Medical Research, has shown an ability to detect true 'positives' ranging between 50.6-84% and an ability to detect true 'negatives' ranging between 99.3-100%.

However, the circular states, studies have shown that the CT Thorax test has greater sensitivity ranging between, 86% and 98% for detecting 'positive' cases, while having a lower false-negative rate than the RT-PCR test.



STAFFERS IN CMO TEST POSITIVE, SPARK PANIC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A number of government employees testing positive for Covid-19 led to minor panic in the Chief Minister's Office on Thursday.

The office was sanitised after one more person connected to the CMO contracted the virus. He was working as assistant to Chief Minister's secretary S Selvakumar, at his office on the second floor. It may be recalled that recently, another officer in the CMO, Rajappa, his driver and two others tested positive, leading to concern in the CMO.

A senior officer in the CMO told TNIE that the employee tested negative in the Rapid Antigen Test, and was directed to do the RT-PCR test in which he tested positive.

The private secretary to Urban Development Minister Byrati Basavaraj also tested positive on Thursday, leading to the minister's office being sanitised and sealed till Monday.

It may be recalled that the private secretary is under quarantine. A few weeks ago, Basavaraj had also tested positive and had been quarantined.

Conduct raids to check violation of Covid-19 norms: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday took serious exception to the non-implementation of the norms under the Epidemic Diseases Act mandating wearing of masks and maintaining social distance to prevent the spread of Covid-19. It said that both the State and BBMP have not made serious efforts to implement the regulations in true letter and spirit.

Both the State and the BBMP should conduct raids to check violations in Bengaluru in view of the spike in the Covid-19 cases, the court said while underlining the powers given to public authorities to book violators.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi said many political leaders, including an MP, and their supporters were found without wearing masks in the rally held recently in the city. The government must find out violators and take action, the bench said while pointing out to the photographs provided by the petitioner in support of the allegations of violation of regulations. The bench also said that the State has not shown any inclination to visit religious places to check the violation of norms.

Pointing out that only 198 marshals were appointed, the bench said they were entrusted with other work in addition to imposing penalty for violation of regulations in the entire Bengaluru with a 1.30 crore population.

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Inviting applications for the post of Junior Overman **only from eligible Female Candidates** for recruitment advertised vide Ref. No. CCL/Recruitment/Adv-Stat./092019 dated 30.09.2019
IMPORTANT DATES

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Last date for Online application	11.11.2020 (midnight)
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Office of the Engineer-in-Chief
PLANNING & ROADS ASSET MANAGEMENT CENTER (PRAMC)
4th Floor, PWD Annexe Building, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001.
No.:EIC/30/PRAMC/RS/2019-20/803 Date : 15.10.2020
The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWP & IWTD on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka invites tenders for **01 road safety protection works on Tank Bund in Bellary Districts KPWP.** Further details can be obtained from GoK e-Procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from **15.10.2020** onwards. e-mail: e-mail : **cepramc@kpwd.gov.in**
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DIPR/DDU/1390/2020-21 Executive Engineer
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BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020
No. BDA/TPM/CLU-31/773/2020-21 Date: 15.10.2020
PUBLIC NOTICE
[Under section 14(A) of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 (KTCP)]
Sri. Kamalesh P Talera, No.11, Kastura Ba Road, Bengaluru-560 001 have requested for change of land use from Agriculture use to Commercial use as per section 14(A) of KTCP Act, 1961 in Sy No. 10/2 an extent of 6 Acre 28 guntas and Sy No.12/2 an extent of 1 Acre 37 1/4 guntas Total 34929.14 Sq.mts (8 Acres 25 1/4 guntas) of Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru, which is earmarked as **Agriculture** use in RMP-2015. Applicant in his letter has stated that, as the land in question is abutting to main road and surrounded by mixed development, by giving change of land use, surrounding people will get Commercial facilities and it will also generate employment and taxes to the Government.
Further, as required under section 14(A) of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961, any person/persons affected by this proposal may file his/her/their suggestions/objections if any, can submit written suggestions/objections to the Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. The suggestions/objections received after the expiry of 15 days will not be considered.
Sd/- Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/CLU/10/2020-21
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PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public are hereby notified that I, Jayaram .C, S/o Chikkanarasappa, residing at No. 38-A, Gopalapura A Road, Magadi road, Bengaluru-560023, Mob 9611245459, that I have lost the original Sale deed dated 18-9-1974, registered as No. 2710/1974-75, Book No.I, Volume-2493, pages 227 to 229 in the office of the Sub Registrar which is executed by Sri. Ramachandra in favour of my grand father Sri. Narasappa in respect of old property No. 127, new no. U-12, situated at 4th cross, Gopalapura, Magadi road, Bengaluru-560023. I have lodged Complaint in that respect before the Magadi Road Police station on 15-10-2020, vide Lost Report D Lost No.130366/2020. General public are hereby requested to handover the said lost documents if found and also it is hereby cautioned not to deal with any person in respect of the above mentioned property except with the Sri. Jayaram .C.
Contact : **JAYARAM .C,**
S/o Chikkanarasappa, residing at No. 38-A, Gopalapura A Road, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023 Mob : 9611245459.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my Client intending to purchase the Residential Converted Property bearing Sy.No.75/1 measuring 3 Acre 07 Guntas; Situated at Chittenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Piriyapatna Taluk, Mysore District from its owner namely Sri.C.S.Kalegowda S/o Sanjeeve Gowda, whereas C.S.Kalegowda purchased the aforesaid Property under a registered Sale Deed, bearing Doc.No.816/1982-83, Book-I, Volume 640, Pages 23 to 24, dated 20.12.1982. If anybody has got any kind of charge, lien, adverse claim or objections over the same, they can contact me with all the documentary proof in support of the claim to the below mentioned address within SEVEN DAYS (07 Days) from this date of this publication of notice or otherwise it will be construed that there are no charges or claims of whatsoever nature in respect of the below mentioned property.
I.M.DEVAIAH,
I.M. DEVAIAH & ASSOCIATES,
Advocates
No.4, Opp:Seshadripuram P.O, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.
Off:080-23462357; (Mob) 9845105603
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Date: 14.10.2020

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[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 13.02.2020 u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrower, **Sri. Manjunatha G M, alias Manjunath**, S/o Late. G M Muni Reddy and Guarantor **Smt. Madhumalini V**, W/o Manjunatha, both residing at: #233/1, Near Over Head Water Tank, Gunjur, Bangalore-560087 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, as outstanding in the ODAP Limit (0518.81.39) being Rs.25,55,084.68 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Fifty Five Thousand and Eighty Four and sixty eight paise only) and in Flexi Loan (0518.655.172) being Rs.17,30,607.62 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Thousand Six Hundred and Seven and sixty two paise only) both the amounts as on 12.02.2020, with further interest, penal interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security and Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the **13th day of October, 2020**.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.25,24,924.68 as to ODAP limit (518.81.39) and Rs.18,39,695.62 as to Flexi Loan Limit (0518.655.172) as on 12.10.2020 with further interest and costs thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets
Description of Immovable properties
Item No.1
All that residential apartment being Flat No. SF-202, bearing Municipal No.1152/839/209/SF-202 on the second floor of the Apartment building called as "i Cloud" having a super built up area of 1182 Sq.ft together with 504 Sq.ft of undivided share in the common areas, with one covered car parking space constructed on the property measuring approx. 8 Guntas, bearing Municipal No.839/305/2C1/209, situated at Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, within limits of BBMP ,Bangalore in the name of Sri Manjunath vide Gift Deed No.6893/2016-17 dated 28.11.2016 of SRO K R Puram, Bangalore and bounded on the East by Property belonging to Sri.Ganesh, West by property belonging to Sri.Thippanna, North by Government Road and South by Property belonging to Sri.Thippanna.
Item No.2
All that residential apartment being Flat No.GF-005, bearing Municipal No.1151/839/209/GF-005 on the Ground Floor of the Apartment building called as "i Cloud" having a super built up area of 1098 Sq.ft together with 468 Sq. ft of undivided share with one covered car parking space constructed on the property measuring approx. 8 Guntas bearing Municipal No.839/305/2C1/209, situated at Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South taluk ,within limits of BBMP ,Bangalore in the name of Sri Manjunath vide Gift Deed No.6892/2016-17 dated 28.11.2016 of SRO K R Puram, Bangalore and bounded on the East by Property belonging to Sri.Ganesh, West by property belonging to Sri.Thippanna,North by Government Road and South by Property belonging to Sri.Thippanna.
Date : 13.10.2020 Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore The South Indian Bank Ltd.

Indian Bank
STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH
No 10, 1st Floor, Indian Bank Buildings
K G Road, Bengaluru 560009
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 25-11-2020 for recovery of Rs 1,83,28,812.50 (Rupees One Crore Eighty Three Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve and Paise Fifty Only) as on 14-10-2020 with further interest and charges due to the Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Secured Creditor, from **1-M/s High Wings Concrete Products, A Proprietory concern represented by its Proprietor Mr. Kiran Kumar,** SY NO.62, 21 Krishna Sagar, Maragondanahalli, Kengeri Hobli,Bangalore-560060. **2-Mr. Kiran Kumar S (Proprietor),** No 51A,Byraveshwara Nilaya, 1st Floor, 1st A Main Road, 1st Cross, 1st Stage, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079. **3.Mrs.C Savitha (Guarantor),** No 51A, Byraveshwara Nilaya, 1st Floor, 1st A Main Road, 1st Cross, 1st Stage, KHB Colony, Basaveshwara nagar, Bangalore-560079.
The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:
All that piece and parcel of property bearing No .1445/16, BBMP PID No.33-16-16, Ward No.30, 33/ Vijayanagar, Pipeline Road (Krishnadevaraya Road), Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040 measuring East to West 43+44/2 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1305 Sq Feet together with building thereon and Bounded on East by Park and 8th Cross Road (Jamia Maziad Road), West by: Pipe Line Road, North by Property No. 1444 (1444/15) and South by Property No. 1446 (1446/ 17)
Prior Encumbrances on property :NIL
Reserve Price:Rs 2,61,00,000/- EMD Amount:Rs 26,10,000/-
Bid incremental amount:Rs 1,00,000/-
Date and time of e-auction:25-11-2020 Between 11.00 AM & 02.00 PM
Property ID No.:IDIBSAMB02.
Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.
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Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**.
Date : 15.10.2020 Sd/-Authorised Officer
Place :Bangalore Indian Bank

UCO BANK
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Vijaynagara Branch : #1263/4, K.H.B. Bolony, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 079. Phone : 080-23106262.
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the UCO Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notice dated **10.8.2020** calling upon the Borrower, **1. Mrs. Prema M, 2.Mr. Mallappa D** to repay the amount in the Notice being **Rs.39,14,776/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Only)** as on **28.7.2020** with further accrued interest w.e.f. **1.1.2020** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 on **13.10.2020.**
The Borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO BANK for amount of being **Rs.39,14,776/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Only)** as on **28.7.2020** with further accrued interest w.e.f. **1.1.2020** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section-13 of the act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.
EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY COMPRISING:
FLAT & BUILDING
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.04, Now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore North Taluk, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Doddabidarakallu Village, Khata No.23, Assessment No.56/1, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South Eastern Portion 48 feet and West portion 50 feet and bounded on the **East :** Site No.3, **West :** Site No.5, **North :** Other Property, **South :** Road.
Date : 13.10.2020 Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore UCO BANK

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Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Branch: HDFC House, # 3-6-310, Hyderguda Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad-500029.
Tel: 040-67699000, CIN: L70100MH1977PLC019916, Website: www.hdfc.com
DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (ACT) READ WITH RULE 3 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC Limited,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated hereinbelow in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.
Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	**Mr. NAVEEN KUMAR S.T (Borrower)** **Loan A/c No. 608334801**	**Rs.13,86,063/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Sixty Three Only)** as on 31-AUG-2020*	**25-SEP-2020**	All that Flat bearing No.405, (in Fourth Floor), with built up area of 885.6 Sq.Feet (including Common Area and Car parking), along with an Undivided share of land admeasuring 20.0 Sq.Yards (Out of 583 Sq.Yards or 487.38 Sq.Mts) on Plot bearing Nos.217, 218, 219, 244, 245 & 246 in Survey Nos.261 to 266 & 290 of **"SHIVAGANGA PRIDE",** Situated at Nizampet Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, R.R. District, **and bounded by:- BOUNDARIES OF LAND: North:** Plot Nos.220 & 243, **South:** Plot Nos.216 & Neighbour's Land, **East:** 20 Ft Wide Road, **West:** 20 Ft Wide Road. **Boundaries of Flat No.405: North:** Open to Sky, **South:** Flat No.404, **East:** Corridor & Lift, **West:** Open to Sky.

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KPCC Working President Eshwar Khandre on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving Karnataka step-motherly treatment. "While the PM tweets to console the chief ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, he has forgotten the plight of people in Karnataka, he added

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> CT Ravi, BJP national secretary

CT Ravi launches his South India tour on Thursday with Chennai as his first stop. He plans to visit Kerala next | EXPRESS

RAVI ON SOUTH TOUR, BEGINS GROUND WORK

Eye on next assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, BJP has tasked him with expanding party footprint in southern states

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NEWLY-appointed BJP national secretary CT Ravi, who was given informal charge of states in South India, is travelling to those states to meet office-bearers and start work to build the organisation. His brief: To expand the party footprint, and prepare for upcoming assembly elections.

His began his travels on Thursday, with Chennai as the first stop, to attend a BJP office-bearers' meet on Friday. Sources said Ravi was told to focus on strengthening the party in Tamil Nadu, keeping in mind elections next year. Former Congress spokesperson and actor Khushbu Sundar's induction into the party in New Delhi recently, has given Ravi a good start at the national level, party sources said.

It's been a couple of weeks since Ravi was inducted into Team Nadda, and on a recent visit to New Delhi, was told to look after party work in Karnataka and other southern states till the party appoints in-charge general secretaries for these states. BJP has a strong base only in Karnataka, and central leaders are keen to strike deep roots across South India.

Later this week, he will be travelling to Kerala, ahead of the panchayat elections. He will also visit Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. "I will take up whatever work party leaders assign," he told The New Indian Express.

On his new responsibility and old role, Ravi said that in Chikkamagaluru, it's BJP from panchayat to Parliament. "I've told my constituency that I will visit only once in 15 days. Most of the time, I will be visiting other states," he said.

Though Ravi has resigned as Tourism, Kannada and Culture minister, his resignation is yet to be accepted by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa. Sources said it is likely to be approved after Rajyotsava.

'No change, BSY to remain CM'

Mysuru: BJP national general secretary C T Ravi said that B S Yediyurappa was elected unanimously to head the BJP government and will remain CM. He said that baseless rumours are being spread. Ravi said the BJP was not trying to implicate Congress leaders in the DJ Halli riots case, and that police have filed a chargesheet against former mayor Sampath Raj, his personal assistant, three corporators and SDPI workers. He said the police and government are gathering information to build a case and ban the SDPI. Ravi warned the Congress against attempting to turn the DJ Halli case into a bypoll issue, and said the party would pay a heavy price for it. It is unfortunate that the Congress had failed to protect their Dalit MLA and preferred minorities to Dalits, he said. He said there is a lack of understanding between Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC Chief D K Shivakumar. **ENS**

> The government has decided to organise loan melas at the divisional level and give away ₹30,000 crore to farmers
> S T Somashekar, Co-operation Minister

CM off to Shikaripura for short Dasara break

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AFTER a hiatus of seven long months, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is heading to his constituency Shikaripura, in Shivamogga on Sunday. He was confined to Bengaluru through the lockdown, and had last visited the constituency on his birthday in February.

Yediyurappa is likely to remain in his home district as Dasara season kicks off, and is expected to be joined by close family members and friends on his three-day visit. He has a packed scheduled for a couple of days, like participating in developmental programmes and meeting his constituents.

Sources said that he will fly to Shikaripura by helicopter on Sunday afternoon and participate in a local event. On Monday, he will lay a foundation stone for an important lift irrigation scheme in Kasaba and participate in a string of programmes.

He is likely to return to the State capital post lunch on October 20.

Political analysts said the Chief Minister going to Shikaripura for a few days when an intense bypoll battle is on in Sira and RR Nagar, indicates that the BJP is comfortably placed in the election, and confident of at least three of the four Council seats.

Siddaramaiah on tour of his constituency

Bengaluru: Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah is heading to Badami, his constituency, for two days during Dasara on October 19 and 20. He will participate in development works in the constituency and meet voters during his stay. **ENS**

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is expected to be joined by close family members for his visit to Shikaripura

'Will win bypolls, ready for GP polls'

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STATE BJP president Nalinkumar Kateel has said that the BJP will win the bypolls in Sira and RR Nagar and also the Legislative Council election from the Graduates constituency. He claimed that the situation on the ground had changed in Sira as many leaders and workers from other parties have joined the BJP in good numbers.

Speaking at the BJP State Executive meeting here on Thursday, he said that the changing trends and people happy with PM Narendra Modi and CM B S Yediyurappa's leadership are looking up to BJP as they have no faith in the Congress' dynasty politics.

Stressing on the Dakshina Kannada model to strengthen the party from the grassroot and booth levels to end caste and money power in electoral politics, he said that the party was also geared up for the panchayat polls.

The party wants to add new members at the booth level and take the achievements of the government and its programmes to the people doorsteps in the coming weeks, he added.

BJP leaders stressed on the need to win the local bodies elections which will enable the party to win the general elections.

Tulasi Gowda follows in Tejaswini's footsteps

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A DAY after he was denied a ticket by the BJP to accommodate Muniratna as the Rajarajeshwari Nagar bypoll candidate, Tulasi Muniraju Gowda went the Tejaswini Ananthkumar way. Just like Tejaswini — an aspirant for Bengaluru South Lok Sabha seat — responded after losing her ticket to Tejasvi Surya, Gowda too took to his social media pages to post, "Nation First, Party Next, Self Last". These were the exact words Late Ananthkumar's wife had used when she lost the ticket, even after being propped up to be the party's candidate.

Muniraju, a former candidate of the BJP, was already campaigning for the constituency along with his followers in the hopes of being named the candidate. With the party choosing to keep up its commitment to Muniratna and fielding him as a candidate, Gowda issued this statement as a means of accepting the party's decision.

Shivakumar sees red over FIR against Kusuma, Congress to approach ECI

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Karnataka Pradesh Congress President D K Shivakumar on Thursday lashed out at BJP and Bengaluru police for registering an FIR against party's Rajarajeshwari Nagar candidate H Kusuma.

A case was registered suo motu by the Rajarajeshwari Nagar police on October 14 accusing Kusuma of violating the electoral model code of conduct while filing her nomination papers as candidate.

Shivakumar called the FIR an attempt at scaring the debutante candidate and Congress workers to stall their election campaign by misusing the police department. An angry Shivakumar on Thursday accused the police department of behaving like puppets in the hands of BJP leaders and BJP candidate Muniratna.

"It is our fault that we nurtured this former MLA (Muniratna). He has misused the police to file cases against workers of Congress, JDS and BJP too. We were helpless when women corporators came to us with complaints against him. Hence, it is our fault too. But we will not be deterred. This isn't just atrocity against our debutante woman candidate but also an attempt to scare our workers into not campaigning," Shivakumar said. Reading out the FIR filed on the basis of a complaint by policemen on Wednesday, he said Kusuma had been booked under IPC Sections 34, 188 and 356 after Congress legislature party chief Siddaramaiah's escorts allegedly broke through security barricades set up 100 metres around the BBMP office and pushed policemen on duty in a bid to make way for him to accompany Kusuma during her filing of nomination.

"I have never seen such dirty politics in a democratic set-up ever. The FIR alleges that our candidate Kusuma, along with Siddaramaiah, and many Congress leaders, attempted to enter within 100 metres of the electoral office illegally. If Siddaramaiah's escorts pushed the police, why not file an FIR against them or Siddaramaiah or me? Why target our candidate who had come to file her nomination papers? She has not violated any model code of conduct," he said, while questioning if leaders of other parties weren't present why no cases were filed against them.

Shivakumar added that the party will approach the ECI against the attempt to "intimidate" their candidate.

Former minister T B Jayachandra files his nomination papers accompanied by KPCC president D K Shivakumar and opposition leader Siddaramaiah on Thursday

TBJ FILES NOMINATION PAPERS AMID FANFARE

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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CONGRESS candidate T B Jayachandra filed his nomination papers in Sira on Thursday amid fanfare. He was accompanied by KPCC president D K Shivakumar and Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah. And as part of a strategy to attract the dalit votes, Jayachandra filed another set of papers accompanied by former DyCM Dr G Parameshwara and former Union minister K H Muniyappa, both dalit leaders.

All Covid-19 norms were thrown to the winds with the people not maintaining social distancing nor wearing masks.

Seeing the huge turnout, Shivakumar said it was an indicator of the people's opinion about the 'misrule' of the B S Yediyurappa government. "The BJP had no candidate of its own and hence got Dr C M Rajesh Gowda who had campaigned for B Sathyanarayana of JD(S) during the 2018 assembly polls," he said.

Siddaramaiah asked the party workers to keep up the tempo until November 3 when the polling is slated to be held. "Has BJP ever won either in Sira or Rajarajeshwari Nagar?" he asked.

He listed out the schemes including 'Ksheera Bhagya', 'Shadi Bhagya', 7 kg of rice per head to BPL families through PDS that were implemented when he was the chief minister.

Giving a call to the minorities, the dalits and the backward classes to vote for the Congress, Sidaramaiah said, "Jayachandra had brought development to Sira as my cabinet colleague and for the same reason he should be in Vidhana Soudha again."

The rally which went live on social media caught the attention of over 40,000 people with the viewers divided over Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar terming them as their 'boss'.

The JDS rally had witnessed a good response when former minister H D Revanna filed the nomination papers on behalf of Ammajamma B Sathyanarayana on Wednesday.

On Friday too huge crowds are expected when BJP nominee Rajesh Gowda files his nomination, this time with an affidavit, accompanied by Yediyurappa's son and BJP state vice president B Y Vijayendra and Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan, official sources informed TNIE. On Wednesday, he had filed his papers without the affidavit.

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> I stay in Byappanahalli. Sometimes I take my two-wheeler, sometimes Metro to reach RR Nagar by 10 am and start campaigning. We have teams that include some Congress MLAs and leaders. I also have a few members from my community... People's perception has changed. They don't see us as transgender activists any longer, but listen to us
> Akkai Padmashali, activist

Akkai and team campaign for RR Nagar candidate

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AKKAI Padmashali (35), transgender activist, has started door-to-door campaigning for Congress candidate H Kusuma who is contesting from Rajarajeshwari Nagar assembly constituency.

Last month, Akkai had joined the Congress in the presence of KPCC president D K Shivakumar at their party office in Bengaluru. She is the first transgender to join the mainstream and a national political party in the Southern State representing the sexual minority community. About 50 people from the community were also present when she was inducted into the party.

Akkai along with her community members and some party City MLAs are given the campaigning task in RR Nagar constituency. Speaking to TNIE, Akkai said, "I was there with Kusuma when she filed her nomination on Wednesday."

Though busy in her activism, Akkai is trying to manage both. "I stay in Byappanahalli. Sometimes I take my two-wheeler, sometimes Metro to reach RR Nagar by 10 am and start campaigning. We have teams that include some Congress MLAs and leaders. I also have a few members from my community," she said. There are around 500 voters from her community in RR Nagar.

For Akkai, it is the first time that she is campaigning in Bengaluru. "It is an experience. I try to explain to people about why they should vote for Kusuma. She is a first-timer, educated and she needs to be given a chance. I also tell the public how their money is wasted in polls just because someone jumped the party," she said.

According to sources, in the long run, Congress has plans to give her a seat in the Upper House in the State or at the Centre. This is just a beginning.

'DJ Halli chargesheet a political conspiracy'

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DESPITE his party MLA Akhanda Srinivasmurthy seeking suspension of Congress leaders like Sampath Raj, who has been named in the DJ Halli violence chargesheet as accused, a defiant D K Shivakumar on Thursday said the party will take no action against any Congress leaders.

The KPCC chief deemed the chargesheet naming his party leaders "a political conspiracy", and refuted the allegations, stating that Congress leaders were involved in the riots of August 11.

"No Congressman is involved in the DJ Halli incident. It is a political conspiracy against the Congress. The BJP government is responsible and police officers are acting as their agents. We will fight it politically and legally," Shivakumar said, asserting that he stood by all his partymen.

The chargesheet that names Congress leaders as conspirators in the attempt to damage Srinivasmurthy's residence, has led to a standoff within the party, and between supporters of both leaders.

"All Congress leaders are innocent, hence, we are not going to suspend anyone. Three former Home Ministers — KJ George, Ramalinga Reddy and G Parameshwara — and senior leaders Krishna Byregowda and B K Hariprasad have given us a detailed confidential. We know what exactly happened," Shivakumar said, responding to questions on what the party intends to do with Srinivasmurthy's demand to suspend Sampath Raj. Shivakumar said the demand was the MLA's "personal political agenda".

KPCC president D K Shivakumar speaks at a press meet in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Congress keen on finishing off JDS, says HDK

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WITH bypolls less than three weeks away, former CM and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy trained his guns on the Congress leadership of Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, for the second time in a week.

He told the media that the two leaders were seeking to finish off the JDS and that they have been meeting JDS leaders. He referred to Siddaramaiah taking away seven MLAs, and

said the JDS was still strong. He also took objection to the Congress leadership using the term 'JDS Samadhi'.

"D K Shivakumar is trying to woo all Vokkaliga leaders like the Pied Piper," he added.

Repeated calls to Siddaramaiah evoked no response to the allegations. However, Shivakumar told mediapersons, "H D Kumaraswamy is a big man and he can say all that."

Meanwhile, political analysts said that with JDS attacking the Congress instead of the BJP, which won 12 of the 15 bypolls last time, it gives the ruling party a huge advantage and an edge in both constituencies.

Experts said Kumaraswamy had met CM BS Yediyurappa twice during the recent assembly session. They say these statements leave no doubt that it is a straight fight between the BJP and Congress in bypolls to RR Nagar and Sira, though Sira was controlled by the JDS till its MLA B Satyanarayana passed away.

We were called to help cops, MLAs tell NIA

Congress leaders Zameer Ahmed Khan and Rizwan Arshad say the DJ Halli arson was not staged

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THE two Congress MLAs -- B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan and Rizwan Arshad -- who appeared before the National Investigation Agency (NIA) this week in relation to the DJ Halli and KG Halli violence cases, reportedly told the Central counter terror agency that they went to DJ Halli after they were called by some senior City police officers to control the crowd.

Arshad from Shivajinagar constituency told The New Indian Express that he was summoned by the NIA and had appeared before it on October 13. "The NIA wanted to know why we had gone to DJ Halli during the arson on August 11. I told them that I was called by some senior police officers to help them control the mob. When I reached DJ Halli police station at around 10.30pm, the situation had already gone out of control and it was not possible to calm down the mob. I told the NIA that the crowd was in fact upset with us because they thought that we had come to support the police," said Arshad.

"The absence of an effective public address system had made it even more difficult for us to reach out to the mob. I stayed there for over two hours and left under police protection. This is what I told the NIA," he added.

He said that the agency had not asked him to appear again.

Congress MLAs B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan (left) and Rizwan Arshad

Zameer Ahmed Khan from Chamarajanagar constituency, who had deposed before the NIA on October 14, told this newspaper that the agency wanted to know if they suspected someone's involvement in the arson and whether they thought it was pre-planned. "I told the NIA that it didn't look like staged violence. It was because of police failure to take timely action against the accused, who was behind posting the blasphemous content on his social media post, that the mob went violent," said Khan.

The NIA had arrested Sayed Saddiq Ali (44) in connection with the large-scale violence that had claimed three lives in police firing, injured more than 60 police personnel and some media persons. Besides, there was extensive damage to the DJ Halli police station, other public and private properties including the residence of Congress MLA from Pulakeshinagar constituency Akhand Srinivasamurthy.

Besides the NIA, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) of Bengaluru City police is also probing the case and has submitted a preliminary chargesheet in a city court against former Congress mayor R Sampath Raj and a sitting Congress corporator Abdul Rakeeb Zakir as accused.

At around 8.30pm on August 11, an over 3,000 strong mob went on the rampage in DJ Halli and KG Halli police station limits in East Bengaluru in protest against a blasphemous social media post, allegedly put out by Srinivasamurthy's nephew Navin. He was arrested the same day.

Drugs found inside 'gas stove'

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A total of 1983 grams of the drug Ephedrine, valued at Rs 79 lakh in the Indian market, was recovered from a package being despatched from KIA to Australia.

Officers of the Intelligence wing of Kempegowda International Centre courier centre recovered it from a parcel declared as a 'Steel Gas Stove', Bengaluru Customs announced in a tweet. Over-the-counter trade of Ephedrine is banned in India, while it is used to treat bronchitis and asthma abroad. Uncontrolled use of it causes euphoria, hallucinations and hypertension.

Bar owner shot dead by bike-borne attackers in CBD

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A bar owner was shot dead by unidentified bike-borne assailants in full public view in front of his bar in the Central Business District late on Thursday evening. The motive for the murder is yet to be ascertained.

The deceased has been identified as **Manish Shetty** (45) alias Sarvotham Shetty, who hailed from Koppa taluk in Chikkamagaluru district. He was the owner of Duet Bar and Restaurant located on RHP Road off Brigade Road. Manish Shetty is said to be a close associate of underworld don Bannanje Raja, who was extradited from Morocco in 2015. He was also involved in the Chemmanur Jewellers gold heist that was reported in Banasawadi police limits on 2007.

Police Commissioner Kamal Pant, who visited the spot, said the assailants used a single barrel breach-loading (SBBL) gun and one round was fired. "Not only the firearm, the assailants have also used another lethal weapon in the incident. They had come on two two-wheelers and have deserted one of the vehicles on the spot. We have definite clues about how many had come and have formed nine special teams to crack the case," he said.

Pant added that the deceased Manish Shetty had a criminal background and was also convicted in a criminal case by a Bengaluru court. "He had links with anti-social elements, especially in Mangaluru, and has several cases against him," he said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) M N Anucheth said that Shetty was standing outside his bar around 9 pm on Thursday, when unidentified bike-borne assailants shot at him and sped away. Shetty collapsed on the spot and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed soon after.

"The assailants had covered their faces with masks and helmets. We will speak to the family of the deceased to ascertain the possible reasons that might have led to the killing. We are verifying footage recorded by the CCTV cameras installed in the area," the police said.

A murder case has been registered at Cubbon Park police station in this connection.

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Kamal Pant, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **01.01.2019** calling upon the borrower **Sri. Shridhara Y., S/o Yellappa Prop. M/s Ashwa batteries industries Hanumanthpura and Guarantor Smt Rudranamma W/o Yellappa Hanumanthapura** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.29,57,641.16** (Rupees Twenty nine Lakhs Fifty Seven thousand Six Hundred Forty one and Sixteen paise only) plus interest @ 12.60.% thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **09th day of October of the year 2020**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.29,57,641.16** (Rupees Twenty nine Lakhs Fifty Seven thousand Six Hundred Forty one and Sixteen paise only)and interest from **01.01.2019.**

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of the section 13 (80 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All the part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No./Plot No67-136-1 in Sy. No./City or Town Survey No./Khasra No Hosahalli village Billankote village Sompura hobli with in the registration sub-district nelamangala Taluk. And district Bangalore rural Boundaries Of The Property North : Property of rudrappa, South :Road and House of Puttana. East :Passage, West :Property of rajanna

Date : 09.10.2020 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Dabaspet, Nelamangala Taluk **Canara Bank**

Government of Karnataka
STATE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Principal Director, 3rd Floor, 'A' Block, TTMC Building, K.H.Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru-560027, Phone No: 080-22214817, Fax No.080-22216500
Email: controllerstateaccounts@yahoo.com, controllerksaad@gmail.com
No.Ra.Le.Pa.16 Pra.Tend.Ja/1626/2020-21 Date: 08.10.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited through e-Procurement only from the Registered Agencies, for providing Seven (07) vehicles to this Department, hired on annual rate contract basis.

1	EMD Amount	Rs.37,000/-
2	Tender Publishing Date	09.10.2020 (Upto 4.00 PM)
3	Last Date & Time for submission of bid	27.10.2020 at 4.00 PM
4	Date & Time for opening of Technical & Commercial Bid	28.10.2020 at 4.00 PM 29.10.2020 at 3.00 PM

DIPR/DDU/SSC/1397/2020-21
Sd/- Principal Director Karnataka State Audit & Accounts Department, Bangalore
HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19? CALL APTHAMITRA ON 14410
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KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
KMF Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore-560 029
Ph: 26096881/781, Fax: 080-25536105, e-mail: kmfmktgdepot@kmf.coop
IFTNO.:KMF/MKTG/S&D/TRANS/01096-4/2020-21 Date: 16.10.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION
TENDER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF NANDINI MILK PRODUCTS TO THE DESTINATIONS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE KARNATAKA THROUGH e-TENDER PORTAL ONLY

1. The Karnataka Milk Federation, Bangalore, 2nd largest milk producers' Cooperative Federation in the Country, invites tender for transportation of Nandini Milk Products from Unions/Units/Sales depot to various destinations within and outside Karnataka for dry and wet products.
2. For tender terms and conditions and EMD particulars, the tenderer shall go through the detailed tender document at website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** portal.
3. KMF will not responsible for any technical issues with the e-procurement portal, Govt of Karnataka.
4. The schedule of the tender is as follows:

1)	Commencement of download of e-tender forms from website **www.kmfnandini.coop**	**16.10.2020**
2)	Last date for queries on or before	**23.11.2020 upto 17.00hrs**
3)	Last date for uploading of Tender document on e-procurement platform on or before	**30.11.2020 upto 13.00 hrs**
4)	Opening of Tenders Technical bid	**02.12.2020 at 15.00hrs**

For detailed information on the tenderer, the same is available at the above portal.
For Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- Director (Marketing)

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru
Notification No.: KHB/CE/PMC/NIT no. 61/ 2020-21 Date: 14.10.2020
Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)
Karnataka Housing Board has invited tenders through e-procurement from eligible Project Management Consultants (PMC) for the construction of Incubation centre, Skill Development centre, Evaluation centre, Guest house block & other development works at Sy. No. 77, Choranahalli Village, Varuna hobli, Mysuru district
Last date for submission of Bid: **13.11.2020 upto 4:00 p.m.**
For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,
Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No. 080-22213511/ 080-22100077. Website: www.karnatakahousing.com
https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/DDU/JA/1397/2020-21

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Nidavandha Branch
Nelamangala Tq
Bangalore Rural Karnataka
VPO: Nidavandha-562132,
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank**, **Nidavandha Branch,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05/12/2018** calling upon the borrower **Sri Shantharamaiah T J** S/o Jadaiyappa And Joint Applicant **Sri Renuka Murthy T S** S/o Shantharamaiah, Both Residing At Thippashettahalli Tyamagondlu Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore Rural District Tyamagondlu-562132, to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice i.e. **Rs.18,18,989.36 (Rupees Eighteen lakhs eighteen thousand nine hundred eighty nine and thirty six paisa only)** as on **05th december 2018** together with further interest and incidental expenses, costs and other charges as mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this the **09.10.2020.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Assets.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. Rs.18,18,989.36 (Rupees Eighteen lakhs eighteen thousand nine hundred eighty nine and thirty six paisa only)** as on **05th december 2018** together with further interest and incidental expenses, costs and other charges as mentioned in the said notice.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No.68/1 and 68/2A , Katha No.139/132 , Thippashettahalli Tyamagondlu Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore- 562132, bounded on the: East: Ramakrishnaiah Land, West: Suresh's land, North: Road , South: Ramaiah's land.

Date : 09.10.2020 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Nidavandha **Canara Bank**

Government of Karnataka
UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE
Centre for Proficiency Development and Placement Services (CPDPS)
Adjacent to Library Building, Manasagangothri, Mysore-570006, India
Ph. 0091+821+2419337, E-mail: omegauom1@gmail.com
No. MGM/CPDPS/Tender-HUM/65/2020-21 Date: 13.10.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Government e-procurement portal only)
The Director, Centre for Proficiency Development and Placement Services (CPDPS) University of Mysore, Mysuru invites Short Term Tender from eligible bidders **for Furnishing of Humanities Block at Manasagangothri Campus, University of Mysore, Mysuru.**
Tender Indent No. MU/CPDPS/HUM/FUR/2020-21/IND-783, Last Date for submission: 17.11.2020
For more details visit **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
For further clarification contact No. 0821-2419337/445 during office Hours.
Sd/- Director,
Centre for Proficiency Development and Placement Services (CPDPS)
Manasagangothri, Mysore-570006
DIPR/MYSORE/SSC/577/2020-21
COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
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बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI
Malleswaram Branch , Zone - Bengaluru
#112, Margosa Road , between 10th and 11th Cross ,Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003
Tele.No. 080-23567593 / 22959498,e-mail :malleswaram.bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE [SeeRule – 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **05.02.2020** and same is acknowledged by you. calling upon the Borrower/ Mortgagor **M/s. Omkar Engineering Works, (Prop. Mr. C. Vasudevachary)** to repay the dues mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 10,19,712.13** (Rupees Ten Lacs Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve and Paise Thirteen) as on **05.02.2020**, along with further interest, costs expenses and monthly rests thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic / constructive possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of said rules on this **13.10.2020,**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 10,19,712.13** (Rupees Ten Lacs Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve and Paise Thirteen) along with further interest, and costs expenses and monthly rests thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Equitable Mortgage of all the piece and parcel of the immovable Factory Land & Building situated at No 490 E , KIQDB, Peenya Industrial Estate, 4Th Stage. Peenya, Bangalore – 560 058, in the name of Mr. C. Vasudevacharya. Admeasuring area 10710 Sq ft. Boundaries : East by : Plot No 490 F , North by: Plot No 489, West by: Remaining portion of Plot No 490 E Sold to Starline packers, South by : KIADB Road.

Date : 13.10.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of India**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government Of India Undertaking)
Thyamagondlu Branch.
Nelamangala Taluk
(Head Office: Bangalore)
APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the, **Canara Bank,** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.01.2018** calling upon the borrower **1) Sri M. Narayanaswamy** and **Martgagar Sri M Narayanaswamy** S/o K. Muniyappa residing at K No.46A of property No. 87/2, Doddachannahalli, Thyamgondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Tq to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 9,10,741/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourty One Only) as on **05.01.2018** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **09th day of October of the year 2020**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 9,10,741/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourty One Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses, costs and other charges as mentioned in the said notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing K. No.46A/87/2 Doddachannahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Tq.-562132, Measuring 2380 Sq.Ft. bounded on the East: Hanumanthappa Site, West : Remaning Property of Shivagangaiah Vacant Site, North : Karalappa Vacant Site, South: Kumbaiahs Vacant Site.

Date : 09.10.2020 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place :Thyamagondlu **Canara Bank**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Smt.Seema Burudgunte PrasannakumarW/oSri.Sanjeev Basapathy Rudrappa is intending to purchase the House property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from its owner Smt.Lakkamma W/o Sri.Lakshminarayana. If anybody has got any right, title, interest or claim in respect of the schedule property, let them lodge their claim with necessary supporting documents with the undersigned within seven days from the date of this notice, failing which our client will conclude the sale transaction and thereafter, no claims will be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of House Property bearing B.B.M.P. 'B' Khata No.15 (1st Cross to 2nd Cross), P.I.D.No.135 (As per B.B.M.P. Tax Paid Receipt for the year 2020-21 dated 20-05-2020), situated at Dasappa Layout, Kowdenahalli, YerrappanaPalya, I.T.I Notified Area, Rama Murthy Nagara, K.R.PuramHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring to an extent of:-

East to West: - 30 feet and

North to South: - 40 feet and bounded on: -

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.14,
North by : Site No.24 and
South by : Road

S.D.N.PRASAD & M.N.UMESH,
Advocates
No.24/1, 2nd Floor, Opp to Bishop Cotton Women's College, 1st Cross, C.S.I Compound, Mission Road, Bengaluru – 27
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners, **1) Smt. Rathnamma D/o Late Shankarappa, 2)Sri. Ramesh S/o Late Shankarappa, 3) Smt. Suma D/o Late Shankarappa, 4) Sri.Narayana S/o Late Shankarappa, 5) Sri.Lakappa S/o Late Chikkanna, 6) Sri.Krishnappa S/o Late Chikkanna, 7) Sri.Nagaraju S/o Late Chikkanna, 8) Sri.Muniyappa S/o Late Venkataramanappa, 9) Sri.Hombanna S/o Late Venkataramanappa,** 10) Sri.Nagaraju S/o Late Venkataramanappa, residing at Chikkakuntanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & District. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any Claim/s or Objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within 7 days as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No.68, measuring 4 Acres 30 Guntas excluding 5 Guntas of Kharab, situated at Chikkakuntanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and Ramanagara District,** is bounded on:

East by : Tank;
West by : Land bearing Sy.Nos.67 & 70 ;
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.69;
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.66;

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No.69, measuring 4 Acres 34 Guntas excluding 5 Guntas of Kharab, situated at Chikkakuntanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and Ramanagara District,** is bounded on:

East by : Tank & Land bearing Sy.No.27;
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.70
North by : Road & Land bearing Sy.Nos.4 & 5;
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.68 & Tank;

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing Survey No.70, measuring 4 Acres 32 Guntas excluding 1 Guntas of Kharab, situated at Chikkakuntanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and Ramanagara District, is bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.69 & 68;
West by : Nala;
North by : Land bearing Sy.Nos.3 & 4;
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.67;

Sd/- **H. UMASHANKAR,** Advocate,
No: 8, 80ft Road, Chandra Layout,
Bengaluru-40.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Smt. RATNA W/o. Parameswarappa .S,** Aged 70 years, Residing at No.189, 12th Cross, 3rd Main, HIG Colony, RMV 2nd stage, Bangalore-560094, was the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the property bearing Sy No. 44 measuring 2 acre Sy No.28, measuring 1 acre 39, 10 guntaKarab, gunta, Sy No. 29, measuring 3-35 guntas 15 guntas Karab situated at Kannegowdanahalli Village, Nelamangal Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore. I acquired the said property by way of Will dated 24.11.1994 from Smt.Siddamma W/o. H.S.Siddanna.

1. Original Will dated:24.11.1994 executed by Smt.Siddamma W/o. H.S.Siddaanna, in my favour.
2. General Power Attorney dated: 10.02.1995 executed by Nagaraju S/o. B.S. Ramaiah in Favour of Srinivasmurthy.

Accordingly any person or person asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the property or any part thereof on the basis of the lost documents have no and ownership over the same, I have no semblance of right, tittle or interest in the same and that in exercise of domain and ownership over the same. My brothers and sisters are conveyed the property on 06.12.1997-98 in favour of me.

Public is hereby notified that any dealings with anybody other than me acting on the basis of the said documents shall not be binding on me and the schedule property and accordingly the same shall be at their own risk.

Smt. RATNA .P
W/o.Parameswarappa.S, Aged 70 years, Residing at No.189, 12th Cross, 3rd Main, HIG Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that our client has negotiated to purchase the below mentioned schedule A and B properties from MRS SABITHA SUBHASH CIPY, RESIDING AT RITU BUNGLOW, PLOT NO.11,GREEN PARK, AUNDH, GANESHKHIND, PUNE, MAHARASTRA-411007, who is the absolute owner in possession of the same and its present owner.

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property herein or the documents thereof should write to the undersigned within Seven **(7)** days from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property hereto or any part thereof, after which period, we shall proceed on the basis that there are no claimants nor does any person/party has any claims to the Schedule Property hereto r any part thereof.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site bearing No.2000, BBMP Khata No.2000 (PID No.74-1-2000) in the layout formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 28.90 Meters and North to South: 17.70 Metes, in all measurign 511.53 Sq.Meter and bounded on :

East by : Site No.2042 and 2041, West by : Road, North by : Site No.2001, South by : Road,

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site bearing No.2042, BBMP Khata No.2042 (PID No.74-1-2042) in the layout formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 24.40 Meters and North to South: (11.80 + 12.20)/2 Meters, in all measuring 292.8 Sq.Meter and bounded on :

East by : Road, West by : Site No.2000, North by : Site No.2041, South by : Road.

VENKATESH R BHAGAT
VINITH V BHAGAT
Advocates
Bhagat Law Chambers
No.100, Donna Bas Tower, 1st Floor, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020.
Ph : 23311823 Mobile: 94482 20515
bhagat_law@yahoo.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client/s intend to purchase Property bearing BBMP Katha Sl. No.724/Sy.No.98/3A, measuring 2722.5 Sq.ft together with the building standing thereon consisting of Ground Floor, measuring 600 Sq.ft. of Built up area, situated at Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, & bounded on the:

East by : Land belonging to children of Koppada Late. Sri. Venkataramanappa: **West by :** Land belonging to Smt. Sharadamma & Village Road; **North by :** Vacant Land & House belonging to Sri. H.K. Manjunath and Smt. C.R. Prabhavathi; **South by :** Land belonging to Late Sri. C.V. Rama Reddy.

From : Sri. K.M. Chandregowda S/o Late. Sri. Matadappa.

Person/s having any right over the said property may lodge their objection/ claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from today to the undersigned.

SRIHARSHAN ASSOCIATES,
Advocates
Jyothi Rajesh, No. LIG-65D, 3rd Floor, Near Hoskote Police Station, KHB Colony, Hoskote Town, Bangalore-562114, Ph : 8553324236, Mail : sriharshan2019@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Properties form **Mr. K. SREENIVASAN** aged about 56 years son of late Mr. R. Narayan residing at No. 1, Pent House, Jeevanadi Satellite Apartments, 9th Cross, N.R. Colony, Murugeshpalya, Bengaluru 560 017 **("Owner")**.

The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner and is in possession of the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from any kind of encumbrance, suits, and proceedings under any statute. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or otherwise whatsoever is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period of **Fourteen (14) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Row House Villa No. 2, bearing Municipal PID No. 1579/159&160/02 consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor together measuring 2763 sq. ft., of along with 1798 sq. ft., of undivided share in land and 903 sq. ft., of common areas and facilities in the project known as **"JEEVANADI SANSKAR"** currently within the limits of BBMP Ward No. 9-Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru formed in BBMP Corporation No. 1579/159 & 160 (earlier also known as Sy. No. 159 measuring 2 Acres & 17 Guntas; and Sy. No. 160 measuring 31 Guntas) situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows: -

East By : Internal Road;
West By : Common Conservancy Lane;
North By : Row House No. 1
South By : Row House No. 03.

Sadananda P Naganur
Sadananda & Co.,
Legal Consultant
54/1, Central Street, Off 8th Cross, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

(1) Selection for Empanelment of Firms for Grid connected Rooftop Solar Power Plants for the Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning including 5 years Comprehensive Warranty Maintenance under the MNRE Phase-II Solar Scheme for installations in the Distribution Licence Area of the BEST Undertaking, Mumbai,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 68399, (3) 68425, (4) 68607, (5) 67643.

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/58/2020. **GENERAL MANAGER**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in

GURU HARGOBIND THERMAL PLANT, LEHRA MOHABBAT DISTT. BATHINDA (PUNJAB)-151 111

e-tendering website : https://pspcl.abcprocure.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through E-tendering)

E-tenders are invited from reputed and registered firms / contractors for the following work:-

Sr.No.	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF WORK	Tender Enquiry No.
1	AMC for Routine, Preventive and Break Down Maintenance (Mechanical Works) of Complete Conveyor System of CHP Stage-I & II of GHTP, Lehra Mohabat as per tender specifications.	99/GHTP/MM-II/CS-48(VII) Dated: 15.10.2010 **EMD: Minimum Rs. 2,85,000/- (Rupees two lac eighty five thousand only)**
2	AMC for Mechanical maintenance of all the Heavy Equipment (Wagon Tipplers, Stacker Reclaimers, Primary & Secondary Crushers), Dust Suppression System, Dust Extraction System, Ventilation System of coal handling Plant Stage-I & II and Crusher / Grinder of Coal Sampling lab of CHP Stage-I & II of GHTP, Lehra Mohabat as per detail in tender specifications.	32/MM-II/CHP/HEMC-308-VIII Dated: 15.10.2010 **EMD: Minimum Rs. 2,46,000/- (Rupees two lac forty six thousand only)**

Last Date & Time for bid submission : **23.11.2020** upto 11:30 hrs.
Date & Time of opening of Fee stage bid : **24.11.2020** upto 12:00 hrs.
Detailed NIT and tender specifications can only be downloaded from website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from dated **16.10.2020** onwards.

Note:

1. The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specifications from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender, information may be sought from **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**
2. It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason, No **Corrigendum** will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on website i.e. **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Mtc. Circle-II, O&M, GHTP, PSPCL, Lehra Mohabbat. Distt. Bathinda (Pb.)-151111.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the schedule property from the owner **Mrs. POOJA .B,** D/o. Mr. Bhaskar Rao, W/o. Mr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, R/o. No.58/263, Malonagathihalli Village (Hosur), T. Begur Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala 562123, who has represented that the original Sale Deed dated 06-11-1995, document No.2247/1995-96, Book I, Volume 1779, Pages 207 to 210 and registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Nelamangala pertaining to the title of the schedule property has been lost/ misplaced and the same is not traceable.

It is further represented that the said above mentioned original document has not been pledged/mortgaged nor has any lien been created on the lost original title deed and no other person/s have any authority to hold the said title deeds. Any person/s holding the said title deeds may kindly return the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

Any person or persons having any claims/ objections for the above sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any claims received beyond stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **immovable property being an agricultural dry land bearing Sy.No.19/9 of Malonagathihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 0-08 Guntas** and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded as follows :- **East by :** Road, **West by :** Land belonging to Mr. Sagar .B, **North by :** Land belonging to Mr. Sagar .B, **South by :** Land belonging to Mr. Hanumaiah

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE--- KRM LAW FIRM
No.802/618, "AMMA", 6th Main, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi Bangalore-560072. Ph : 9980816715
Email: sadashivamh@gmail.com

BANGALORE DATED : 16.10.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Mr.Manjunath.G S/o Govindraju,** resident of #05, 1st cross, Chitra Layout, Attut post, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560 064 is intending to purchase the following Schedule Properties from **Mr.S.V.Halaswamy S/o. Patel Veerappa** as a Vendor. Any person/s objecting for the purposed purchase or are having any right, title or interest by way of inheritance or having any types of claim over the said Schedule Properties are hereby called up to file their objections / claims whatso ever along with documentary proof **within 15 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which, my client will purchase the Schedule Properties. Any objection/s received after 15 days will not be binding on my client

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that peace and parcel of the immovable residential vacant Properties **1) bearing Site No. 18 measuring East to West 50 ft and North to South 70 ft, bounded on East by :** Site No. 17, **West by :** Site No. 19, **South by :** Pvt Property and North by : Road and **2) Site No. 19 measuring East to West 50 ft and North to South 70 ft,** bounded on **East by** : Site No. 18, **West by :** Site No. 20, **South by :** Pvt. Property and **North by :** Road in **Sy. No. 36/1 & 36/2 situated at Attur -Village, Yelahanka Hobli (presently Yelahanka Taluk), Bengaluru North (Addl). Bengaluru.**

George R, Advocate ,
 # 883 EWS, 2nd Stage, B Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru -560 064.
Ph: 9844113876

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the following original documents have been lost/misplaced:

1. Original Gift deed dated: 12.01.2001 executed by Mr.Sunil Narayan S/o. Mr. Narayan in favour of Mr. Shantha Kumar S/o. Mr. S.Gowda, bearing document No.8375/2000-01 of Book-1, Volume No.4740, Pages 192-197, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk in respect of Survey No.1/2 measuring 08 Guntas situated at Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

2. Original Conversion order bearing No.BDS:ALN: SR:S.A:250:94-95 dated: 19.08.1995 in respect of Survey No.1/2 measuring 08 Guntas situated at Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and

3. Original Conversion order bearing No.BDS: ALN:SR:S.A:251:94-95 dated: 19.08.1995 in respect of Survey No.1/1 measuring 39 Guntas situated at Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid documents may return the same to me or on behalf of my client Mr.Shantha Kumar, (Present owner of the above mentioned Property), the undersigned Advocate hereby invites claims or objections, if any. In case of any claims or objections kindly intimate the undersigned Advocate in writing to the below mentioned address **within 10 days** from this date. In absence of any claim within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that above said property has no claim by virtue of lost Gift deed. Further all persons are hereby informed not deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of missing documents.

Sd/-M.Kalashree, Advocate,
No.29, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560094.
Place: Bangalore
Date: 15.10.2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE (APPENDIX – IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL HFL)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** BASIS particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Physical Possession	Description of the Immovable property	
1)Mr. Harish Kumar. 2)Mrs. Nikitha Harish 3)Amrutha Stone Crusher (Prospect No. **866158** & **880353**)	**26–Dec–2019 Rs.80,48,242/-** (Rupees Eighty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Two Only)	**05-Oct-2020** **Total Outstanding as on On 10-Oct-2020** **Rs. 86,21,202/-** (Rupees Eighty Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred and Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.94, coming under BBMP, Vide BBMP Katha NO. 1067/179/48/1/49/94, formed in Survey No. 48/1 and 49, "Sri Maruthi Layout", Situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Middle Class, Bangalore Karnataka 560064 **(Area:-1200 Sq.ft)**	
			Reserve Price(Rs.)	**Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)**
			Rs.88,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakh Only)	**Rs.8,80,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)
Date of Inspection of Property 13-Nov-2020 1100 hrs-1400 hrs	**EMD Last Date 17-Nov-2020** till 5 pm.	**Date/ Time of Auction 19-Nov-2020** 1100 hrs-1300 hrs	**Concerned Branch:-** IIFL Home Finance Ltd., Adam Chambers,# 11 , Richmond Road, Bangaluru, Karnataka-560025 (Authorized officer: **Shaik Shawali @ 9900260101**)	

1.Date of inspection of the immovable property is **13–Nov–2020** between **1100 hrs - 1400 hrs.**
2.Last date of submission of sealed offers in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD is **17-Nov-2020** till 5 pm at the branch office address.
3.Date of opening of the offers for the Property is **19–Nov-2020** at the above mentioned branch office address at **1100 hrs - 1300 hrs** the tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorized Officer.
4.Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.
5.The notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
6.The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given **30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002** to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to IIFL Home Finance Limited in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
7.The EMD shall be payable through DD in favour of " IIFL Home Finance Limited." (IIFL HFL) payable at GURUGRAM and shall be submitted at the concerned branch/Corporate Office.
8.For further queries and the detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form, Tender forms are available at the above branch office or also you can refer **www.iifl.com** or contact abovementioned authorized officer.
9.The immovable property will be sold to the highest bidder. However, the undersigned reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary.
10.Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
11.Company is not responsible for any liabilities upon the property which is not in the knowledge of the company.

For further details, contact Mr. Sanjay Jha @9560908318, Email:-sanjay.jha@iifl.com, **Corporate Office:** Plot No. 98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurugram, Haryana-122015. **Place: Bangalore Date:** 16-10-2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer For IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL)**

IN THE COURT OF THE SUBORDINATE JUDGE OF METTUPALAYAM,
Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamilnadu.
O.S.No.40 of 2019.

Mrs. R. Malliga ---- Plaintiff
Vs
Mr.S.Subramani and 11 others. ---- Defendants

NOTICE

To : **Mrs.Karthiga (9th Defendant),** W/o.S.Saravanan, Old D. No.18, New D.No.20-I, "19" Cross, 7th Main Road, N.S.Palayam, B.T.M.layout, Bangalore - 76, Karnataka State.

Please take notice that the plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants, including you, for declaring her as the sole and absolute owner of the suit property and for other reliefs. The above suit is posted to 25.11.2020 for your appearance either in person or through counsel at 10.30 AM before the above court, failing which, suitable orders will be passed against you as per law.

/As per the order of Court/

166-B, Sivasakthi Complex, Opp.LIC, Sirumugai Road, Mettupalayam - 641 301, Coimbatore District, Tamilnadu State.

R.SANTHA MOORTHY B.Com.B.L., Advocate/ Notary, Ph.04254-222604 / 9894211338.

IN THE COURT OF THE SUBORDINATE JUDGE OF METTUPALAYAM,
Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamilnadu.
O.S.No.43 of 2019.

Mrs. R. Malliga ---- Plaintiff
Vs
Mr.S.Subramani and 11 others. ---- Defendants

NOTICE

To : **Mrs.Karthiga (9th Defendant),** W/o.S.Saravanan, Old D. No.18, New D.No.20-I, "19" Cross, 7th Main Road, N.S.Palayam, B.T.M.layout, Bangalore - 76, Karnataka State.

Please take notice that the plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants, including you, for declaring her as the sole and absolute owner of the suit property and for other reliefs. The above suit is posted to 25.11.2020 for your appearance either in person or through counsel at 10.30 AM before the above court, failing which, suitable orders will be passed against you as per law.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B) NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR

E-mail seec.bbsr2010 @ gmail.com
Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 08/2020-21.
No.__2063______/Date___14.10.2020_______/

B-339: The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for Fire fighting works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in:https://tendersorissa.gov.in. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from 5.00 P.M. of 21.10.2020 to 5:00 P.M. of 05.11.2020. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at 11:30 A.M. of 06.11.2020 in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the eprocurement portal www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/-(Er.Jagat Jiban Patro)
Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR

OIPR 34006/11/0011/2021

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

No. GESCOM/SEE(Proc)/EE/AEE/2020-21/28045-52 Date:13-10-2020

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-procurement mode only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM) invites tenders in Two Cover system through E-procurement mode only for following:

PC-1002(call-3): Manufacture and supply of 11 kV PT as per GESCOM specifications. **PC-1035 (call-2):** Providing Man Power services to GESCOM for day to day office work at Corporate Office GESCOM, Kalaburagi through outside contract agencies. **PC-1037(call-2):** Establishment of transformer repair center at Lingasugur and carrying out repairs to faulty 25/63/100 KVA conventional type distribution transformers (including CSP type) of O&M Lingasugur and Maskisub-division. **PC-1038(call-2):** Establishment of transformer repair center at Basavakalyana and carrying out repairs to faulty 25/63/100 KVA conventional type distribution transformers (including CSP type) of GESCOM O&M Basavakalyana sub-division. **PC-1007(Call-2):** Supply installation and commissioning of UPS with Battery (under buy back of existing UPS with battery) as per GESCOM specifications. **PC-1100:** Providing Man Power services to GESCOM offices for day to day office work in jurisdiction of GESCOM O&M Kalaburagi Zone, through outside contract agencies. **PC-1107:** Implementation of Group Personal Accident insurance to all Officers & Employees of GESCOM.

The bid documents will be available on **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 16-10-2020.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

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Regional Office : Santosh Cinema Complex, 1st Floor, Kempe Gowda Road, K. G Circle, Bengaluru – 560 009.
Phone: 080- 22265652/53/54, Fax: 080-22258581
E-Mail: rmbangro@centralbank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Chief Manager & the Authorised Officer of the CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, Cantonment Branch, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 24.01.2020 calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Sujatha R, Mr.Gopal Krishna and Mrs. Vidya D V** hereinafter referred to as 'the borrowers' to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 61,45,512/- (Rs. Sixty one Lakh Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Only) as on 24.01.2020** plus interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act 2002 read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **15th day of October 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any one dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, CANTONMENT BRANCH** for an amount **Rs.61,45,512/-** plus further interest and Charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property belonging to Mrs. Sujatha R w/o Mr. Gopal Krishna D.V bearing Site No. 58, House List Khata No. 158/11, Assessment No. 352, Ward No. 26 Situated at Village Kalkere, K.R.Puram Hobli , Bangalore East Taluk, Measurement East to West – 30 ft. and North to South – 60 ft. under the limits of BBMP Bangalore.

Boundaries of the Property: East by: House bearing Site No.1 West by: Remaining portion of site bearing No. 58 North by: Compound Wall and thereafter Private Property South by:Road.

Date : 15.10.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer / Chief Manager**
Place : Bengaluru **Central Bank of India**

FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Fullerton Grihashakti — *Iraada hai toh Raasta hai*

Corporate Office: Floor 5 & 6, B-Wing, Supreme IT Park, Supreme City, Powai, Mumbai - 400076.
Regd. Office: Megh Towers, Floor 3, Old No. 307, New No. 165, Poonamallee High Road, Maduravoyal, Chennai - 600095.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited / Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without any recourse" basis** on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till date of realization, due to Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited / Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Last Date of EMD deposit is also mentioned herein below:

1) Date & Time of E-Auction: 03.11.2020, From 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM (with unlimited extensions of 5 minute each)
2) Last Date & Time for submission of Request Letter of Participate / KYC Documents / Proof of EMD, etc.: 02.11.2020

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Loan Account No.	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of the Secured Assets (Immovable Properties)
1)	**Loan Account No.: 601007210247479** **1) Sai Elahgovan J, S/o Jayachandran** **2) Sai Agalya, W/o Sai Elahgovan J** **3) Ultra Infra Enterprises (Proprietors- Sai Agalya / Sai Elahgovan J)** **Add. 1:** No. 1, 1st Floor, Vega Arcade, 6th A Main OMBR Layout Banaswadi, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560043, **Add. 2:** No. 16, 7th Main, 80 ft. Road 1st Block, Kormangala, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560034, **Add. 3:** Property No. 01, Katha No. 855/1/582/M/34/, Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560092.	**Dated:** 13.03.2020 **Rs. 1,19,17,784.66/-** (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four and Sixty Six Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 1, Old V.P.Khata No. 582/M, Khatha No. 855/1/582/M/34/3-4/1, Assessment Nos. 34/3 & 34/4, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now under the limit of BBMP, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 36 feet and adjacent property measuring East to West: (51+46)/2 feet, in all 4641 Sq.Ft., and **bounded on the, East by-** 30 feet wide Road, **West by-** Private Property belonging to Bidlur Ramachandra, **North by-** Portion of same property bearing No. 582/M/1 and **South by-** Property No. 2, belonging to Sri. Ramesh Basappa. Within the registration district of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office at Gandhinagar.
	Reserve Price: Rs. 1,26,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakhs Only)	**Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 12,60,000/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)	**Bid Incremental Value: Rs. 50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited / Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.grihashakti.com. The Intending Bidders can also contact, the Centralised Help Desk Mobile No. +91-9810029926, +91-9710029933, Tel. No. +91-124-4233933, E-mail ID: CSD@disposalhub.com of the Client Service Delivery (CSD) Department along with the KYC (Aadhaar Card & PAN Card) online in the Web Portal https://DisposalHub.com of our E-Auction and Sales & Marketing Service Provider M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited OR/AND our local official **Mr. Rahul Raje on his Mob. No. 7619183645 / 7348871575, E-mail ID: rahul.raje@fullertonindia.com.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 15.10.2020

Sd/-
Authorized Officer,
Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.

Branch Office: No. 8, Ground Floor, "Sai Prabhu"B-Street, Sirur Park, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020. Phone: 080 - 2356 7911 / 12 / 13 / 16 / 17
Branch Office: No. 1608, B Block, 1st Floor, Sahakar Nagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 092. Phone: 080 - 2362 0310

POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,** formerly known as SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS HOME FINANCE LTD., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the Borrower and Co-Borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notices. The Borrower & Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Co-borrower and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. TheBorrower & Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.**

Sl. No.	File Nos.	Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's Name & Address	Date of Demand Notice/ Publication	Notice Amount	Date of Possession	Total Outstanding
1	8000 7785	**Mrs. Bharathi K (Borrower), Mr. Ashok Kumar S (Co-Borrower)** Sri Ragavendra Swamy Nilaya, Behind Venugopal Staduim Debanahalli, Bangalore – 562110.	**25 Jan 2020**	**Rs. 2,44,891/-**	**13 Oct. 2020**	**Rs. 2,81,682/- as of 13-10-2020** and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges
2	8000 7789		**25 Jan 2020**	**Rs. 11,79,292/-**	**13 Oct 2020**	**Rs. 14,06,645/-** as of 13-10-2020 and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges
		Schedule of Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.363, measuring 0-0.3/4 Guntas out of 0.15.10 Guntas, East West 40 Feet and North South 18 Feet situated at Devahahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded as follows:** East by: 20 Feet Road, West by:20 Feet Road, North by: Property of Hema Nagesh, South by: Property of Dhanesh.				
3	BNG 2016 0069	**Mr. Bipinkumar G Shah, (Borrower), Mrs. Nisha B Shah (Co-Borrower) Mr. Gulabchand D Shah (Co-Borrower),** No.265 KHBS Layout, Sharadha Colony, NR HP Gas, Basaveswaranagar, Bangalore-560079. **Khodiyar Trading Co, (Co-Borrower)** No.51/3 5th Cross, 2nd Main APMC Yard,Yeswantpur, Bangalore – 560022.	**06 Feb 2020**	**Rs. 26,50,340/-**	**14 Oct 2020**	**Rs. 30,75,363/-** as of 14-10-2020 and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges
		Schedule of Property: SCHEDULE "A": ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Municipal No.19 (Portion of Property No.44 & 45) situated at 3rd Main Road, Manivilas Garden, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Bangalore - 560079, measuring East to West 128 Feet and North to South 45 Feet, totally measuring 5760 Square Feet and **bounded on:** East by: Private Property belonging to Mr. Arumairaj. West by: Road. North by : 20 Feet Road. South by: Private Property Bearing No.20. **ITEM NO. 2:** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Municipal No. 20 (Portion of Property No. 44 & 45) situated at 3rd Main Road, Manivilas Garden, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Bangalore - 560079, measuring East to West on the Northern side 128 Feet on the Southern side 165 Feet and North to South on the Eastern side 63 Feet and Western side 138 Feet, totally measuring 14723.25 Square Feet and **bounded on:** East by: Private Property belonging to Mr. Arumairaj. West by: Road. North by: 20 Feet Road. South by: Drainage. **SCHEDULE "B":** 275 Square Feet of Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in the Schedule "A" Property. **SCHEDULE "C":** Residential Flat Bearing No.SF-04, in the Second Floor, consisting of Two Rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Toilet with Ceramic Tiles Flooring, with Super Built Up Area of 730 Square Feet, along with One Covered Car Parking in the Multi-Storied Apartment Complex known as "KPT VIJAYA PARADISE" built on Schedule "A" Property with Hoone Wood Doors and Windows, together with proportionate share in all Common Areas, Lobbies, Stair-case and all other Amenities and Facilities, with rights and pass through all the Common Passage leading to the Main Road and free for egress and ingress at all times and **bounded on:** East by: Flat No.SF-05. West by: Flat No. SF-03. North by: Common Passage. South by: Common Passage.				
4	YLK20 180050	**Mr. Babu Sab B, (Borrower), Mrs. Noorjahan P D (Co-Borrower)** No. 23 Balaji Enclave, Karihobanahalli, Bangalore North, Nagasandra, Bangalore – 560073.	**02 Sep 2019**	**Rs. 9,93,365/-**	**15 Oct 2020**	**Rs. 10,34,101/-** as of 15-10-2020 and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges
		Schedule of Property: Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern portion of site No. 23, BBMP Khatha No.1004/12/1/23 formed in the residentially converted Survey No. 12/1, situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Doddabidarakallu Ward, Ward No. 40, Herohalli Sub Division within the limits of BBMP Rajarajeshwarinagar Division, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 600 Square Feet along with building thereon and **bounded on:** East by: Site No.22, West by: Western Portion of Site No.23, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.				

Date: 13-10-2020, 14-10-2020 & 15-10-2020

for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD
Authorised officer

A 20-year-old engineering student was stabbed to death by a youth at her house at Christurajapuram in the heart of Vijayawada city on Thursday. After stabbing her, the youth inflicted injuries on himself, in a bid to end his life.

TS declares ex-gratia to flood victims

Telangana govt announces ₹5 lakh relief to kin of deceased, seeks ₹1.3 crore fund from Central govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

THE Telangana government on Thursday announced that ₹5 lakh ex-gratia will be paid to the families who have lost their closed ones in the heavy rain that lashed the district in the last few days.

The State government said the loss caused by the rain is estimated at ₹5,000 crore, and sought ₹1,350 crore financial assistance from the Central government for taking up relief and rehabilitation works. Of the ₹1,350 crore, ₹600 crore will be given to farmers and ₹750 crore will be spent for relief and rehabilitation measures in GHMC and other towns.

Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking immediate financial assistance. The chief minister held an emergency review meeting at Pragathi Bhavan and directed officials to provide relief to the affected on a war-footing basis. Three rugs, rice and other essentials should be distributed to each family, Rao said.

Rao said ₹5 crore will be released for taking up relief measures in GHMC area. Those who lost their houses would be provided with new ones. The government would also extend financial assistance to repair partially damaged houses. The houses constructed on Nalas too collapsed in the rain.

"The government will construct new houses for the people, who were residing close to the Nalas, at government lands," Rao said.

Rao directed the officials to flush out water from cellars and restore power supply to apartments.

The death toll caused by rain in the GHMC area stands at 50.

CM to review flood situation

Bengaluru: Following the extensive damage caused by the incessant rain in parts of Karnataka, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday will hold a review meeting with district commissioners, ZP and TP officials, and superintendents of police of affected regions. District ministers, Yediyurappa said, have already been tasked with review, relief and rescue initiatives, including opening up of relief camps. "To ensure people's safety, NDRF units have been deployed – two in Kalaburagi, two in Yadgir and one in Raichur. The Centre has dispatched additional units, of which one each will be sent to Kalaburagi and Yadgir. Two helicopters are also on standby at Bidar airport for rescue and relief operations," a statement from the chief minister's office said.

4 dead as car plunges into swollen rivulet

Karwar: Four people met with a watery grave after their car fell into a fast flowing rivulet on Wednesday evening. Siddapura police said it was pouring and the roads were waterlogged. The driver of the car, carrying three passengers, including two women, lost control over it and plunged into the stream. "It was raining heavily. Due to poor visibility and slippery conditions, the car fell into the water below while crossing a bridge at Kodanamane village near Heggarni," Badarinath, Additional SP, Uttara Kannada, told TNIE.

(Top) A rescue boat ferries people stranded in inundated areas of East Godavari district on Thursday; A car washed away in floodwater in Hyderabd | EXPRESS

Bhadra gates opened again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

FOLLOWING heavy showers in the catchment area of Bhadra reservoir, authorities released more than 8,000 cusecs of water by opening all four crest gates. This is the second time this season that authorities have been forced to open the gates.

On Wednesday morning, the water level in Bhadra reservoir was 185.11 tmcft against its maximum level of 186ft. The inflow into the reservoir was 14,304 cusecs and outflow was 8,251 cusecs.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, assistant executive engineer of the reservoir Manjunath said,

"We have started releasing about 8,000 cusecs of water and considering the inflow of water, we may release 10,000 cusecs of water," he said.

On Wednesday, the water level in Linganamakki reservoir stood at 1,814 tmcft against the maximum water level of 1,819 tmcft.

NDRF, firemen rescue stranded lot

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

NDRF personnel rescued nine people including three children including a one-and-a-half-year-old baby from Morarji Desai Model Residential School at Malkhed town in Sedam on Thursday.

Sedam tahsildar Basavaraj Benneshirur told *The New Indian Express*, "Though the officials cautioned the staff and some of the family members who were staying in the school to vacate the place and shift to a safer place, they were hesitant, saying that Kagina River is half a km away and the compound wall of the school would shield them. However, the floodwater broke through the compond wall and entered the ground floor of the school. All inmates of the school rushed to the top of the building and someone sent a message to the taluk administration requesting help."

Benneshirur requested the district administration to dispatch an NDRF team that reached the spot and rescued all the nine members after an hour-long rescue operation.

The Indian Star Tortoises are in huge demand in North America and South East Asian countries as pets

Official, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

The DRI intercepted an inter-state bus and recovered the endangered tortoises

426 endangered Star Tortoises rescued from inter-state gang

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Bengaluru, recently intercepted an inter-state wildlife smuggling gang and has recovered 426 Indian Star Tortoises (Geochelon Elegans) from a bus at Sangareddy in Telangana under the Customs Act, 1962.

On credible information, the DRI on October 11 intercepted the inter-state bus and recovered the endangered tortoises from inside two bags, which were found abandoned in the luggage compartment of the bus.

"These tortoises were illegally sourced from the hill ranges near Andhra-Karnataka border and were being transported to Mumbai from where they would have been smuggled out as part of the illegal international pet market trade. The Indian Star Tortoises are in huge demand in North America and South East Asian countries as pets," said a DRI official.

The cost of each tortoise is over Rs 5,000 in the grey market, he added.

"The reptiles were stocked in a warehouse for over three to four months because of movement restriction due to the lockdown," said the officer. "There will be an increase in trafficking of wildlife and contraband with the easing of the lockdown," he added.

The DRI has unearthed a network of wildlife smugglers, which includes local communities and residents of these areas, which are the habitat of the Indian Star Tortoise. These reptiles were earlier found in adequate numbers in certain areas of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, eastern Karnataka and Odisha, but because of illicit trade the population of these species has severely depleted.

"There is a need for collaborative action by law enforcement agencies to prevent the extinction of these tortoises," said the officer.

The Indian Star Tortoise falls under Schedule IV of Wildlife Protection Act. Alarmed at the increase in the illegal international trade in live Indian Star Tortoise in the last 15 years, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) has moved the species from Appendix II to Appendix 1 giving it the highest level of international protection from commercial trade.

Appendix I listing is for species, which are threatened with extinction.

IN THE HC

PIL over Cauvery Calling made suo motu petition

Bengaluru: Stating that it cannot treat the petitioner as pro-bono litigant as he threatened a private news channel that airing programme on 'Cauvery Calling' amounts to contempt of court, the Karnataka HC on Thursday converted the public interest litigation filed by a city-based advocate questioning 'Cauvery Calling' as suo motu petition. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the order after hearing the objections filed by Isha Outreach and the petitioner A V Amarnathan, who has questioned raising donations from the public for the project.

Court stays inquiry against KSOU Registrar

Bengaluru: A division bench of the Karnataka HC has stayed a single judge's order to hold inquiry against Dr Lingaraja Gandhi, Registrar of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), for allegedly making false and misleading remarks against Dr A Rangaswamy while forwarding his name to the search committee constituted to recommend names for the posts of Vice chancellor of two universities. Dr Rangaswamy had applied for the posts of Vice chancellor to Karnataka State Dr Gangubai Hanagal Music and Performing Arts University and Gulbarga University.

Authorisation will be binding on state govt

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THE letter said the interest on the borrowing will be paid from the GST compensation due to each state. After the transition period, the principal and interest will be paid from the proceeds of the cess by extending it beyond the transition period in accordance with the decision of the GST Council.

The central ministry said the repayment schedule could be spread out during the period of extension of cess beyond the transition period so that 50 to 67 per cent of the cess proceeds due to each state remaining after interest payments goes for repayment of debt and the remaining part is released to the states against arrears for compensation. However, the actual proportion may vary based on fluctuation in actual cess collection, since structuring will be based on estimates of future cess, it pointed out.

The authorisation will be binding on the state for the entire duration of the borrowing — until the amount is fully repaid.

CRIME PATROL

Cloth merchant held for cricket betting

Bengaluru: CCB sleuths on Wednesday arrested a man for operating a cricket betting network through a mobile app and seized ₹4 lakh during a raid on his house. The accused Zameer Ahmed, is a cloth merchant and also runs a finance service. A senior police officer said that based on a tip-off, a special team conducted a raid on his office premise where was chatting with punters over phone calls. The officials seized cash, two mobile phones and a laptop.

Prostitution racket busted, 1 arrested

Bengaluru : A man has been held for being part of a prostitution racket in the city. The accused, Sattar Begh (49), would bring girls from neighbouring states on the pretext of offering them jobs, and then force them into prostitution. A senior police officer said that CCB sleuths had raided a spa, where they rescued nine girls, and arrested a customer identified as Syed Faruq. Police are on the lookout for the spa owner.

ELEPHANT HABITAT

Focus should be on inter-state corridors: Expert

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THEY (Forest Department officials) are now taking the help of NGOs. The Wildlife Trust of India has acquired 25 acres of land to strengthen the Edayarahalli-Doddasampige corridor in Chamarajanagar.

Noted elephant expert R Sukumar said emphasis should be given to strengthening inter-state corridors between Tamil Nadu and Kerala, like the Hosur corridor, where elephants even reemerge in Brahmagiri.

The Forest Department officials are also working on acquiring 100 acres of land to strengthen the Kaniyanapura corridor in Bannerghatta. This was the first protected and developed corridor in Karnataka. They are also working on protecting the BRT- Moddahalli- Boodipadaga corridor in Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) reserve.

Forest officials are now hoping that coffee becomes less profitable so that the Kutta corridor — connecting Nagarhole to Brahmagiri — is protected, where many private estates have also encroached upon forest land.

JUMBO PATHS

Karnataka has 10 identified corridors- Tali-Bilikkal, Bilikkal-Javalagiri, Edayarahalli-Guttiyalattur, Edayarahalli-Doddasampige, Chamarajanagar-Talamalai in Punjur, Chamarajanagar-Talamalai at Muddahalli, Kaniyanapura-Moyar, Begur-Bramhagiri and Kutta corridors.

6,049
As per 2017, state has 6,049 jumbos

Karnataka has 25% India's elephant population

25%

6%
Land area for elephants in K'taka is 6%

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
This is to bring it to the Notice of the General Public that I, **Teethi Jain**, wife of Mr.Rishi Jain, aged about 33 years, resident of 21, Market Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name from **Teethi Jain** to **Renu Jain**, vide Affidavit dated 08.10.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Mr. N. Narayana Swamy** and my name shall hereinafter be deemed incorporated as **Renu Jain** instead of Teethi Jain, in all my School as well as College certificates, Bank Accounts, PAN Card, Aadhaar Card, Driving License, Voter ID, Passport and all other government records forthwith.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASMEEN KHAN,** residing at No.57, Paradise Colony, Mottappa Compound, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560078, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **ISMATH YASMEEN,** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 14/10/2020 before Notary Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOUNESH SHEELVANT**, S/o Kalyani, Date of Birth 10-03-1995, residing at No. 53/7, 5th Cross, Bank of Baroda Colony, Puttenahalli, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078, have changed my name as **MOHAN**, vide affidavit dated 15-10-2020 before Notary Public **H.S. Dharma Prasad,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEHA MURTHY,** W/o. Ashutosh Kanojia, R/at No. 402, Wing 11, Shriram Summitt, Gollahalli Main Road, Electronic City Phase-1, Bangalore-560100, have declared that, the names **NEHA NAGRAJBHAI MURTHY, NEHA MURTHY, NEHA NAGRAJ MURTHY** and **MURTHY NEHA NAGRAJ,** belongs to me only, and all name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 14-10-2020 sworn before notary, B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
NEETHU SHEKKHAR, D/o Sri. Prashanth .G.B.N, aged about 43 years, residing at No. 'MANA', 4th Cross, Judicial Officers Layout, RMV, 2nd Stage, Sanjayanagar, Bangalore-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **NEHA PRASHANTH** to **NEEHA PRASHANTH,** hereafter my daughter will be known and called as **NEEHA PRASHANTH** only, vide affidavit dated 14.10.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **B.S. PADMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJATH,** R/at. Rajathadri, Shiruru Kelapete, kundapura, Udupi, karnataka-576228, have changed my name to **RAJATH C SHETTY**, vide affidavit dated:15/10/2020 Before Notary **N.K.Lakshmana** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BHAGYSHREE MAHADEV GARAD, wife of Army No.8037330N, NK, GARAD MAHADEV ANANDA, Presently working at Pioneer Corps Training Centre, ADM COY, Agram Post, Bengaluru-560007, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **BHAGYASHRI MAHADEV GARAD** vide affidavit dated 15.10.2020 before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVINDRA SHARMA,** S/o. Jagdish Sharma R/at. No.41/A, MBT Layout Taverekere Bengaluru- 562130. Have changed my name from **RAWINDRA SHARMA** to **RAVINDRA SHARMA,** vide affidavit dated 28.09.2020 sworn before notary R.T.Krishnamurthy

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABIDA ANEES** also known as **ABIDA NASREEN** W/o Shaik Khaleel Anees Ahmed, R/at #101/A, St. Johns Church Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005, have changed my name to **ASIDA ANEES,** vide affidavit dated 15.10.2020, before notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEVARAJU REKHA**, resident of FLAT # No. 401, 4th Floor, Hrudaya Nivas, 2nd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024, KARANATAKA, INDIA, have changed my name from **DEVARAJU REKHA** to **REKHA UDAYA KUMAR.** Vide affidavit dated 13-10-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.N. Chandrashekhara Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRIYANKA HARSH BHATT,** R/a, Flat No.G-202, Prakruthi Solitaire, 10th Cross, Ananth Nagar, Kammasandra Village, Hilalige Road, Glass Factory Layout, Electronic City Phase-II, Bangalore-560100, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **PRIYANKA G N** AND **PRIYANKA** (Old Name) to **PRIYANKA HARSH BHATT** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 15-10-2020, Sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SPARRSH KEDIA**, S/o. Rajat Kumar Kedia, R/at. No.180, Classic Orchards, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my name from **SPARSH KEDIA** to **SPARRSH KEDIA,** & sworn to an affidavit dated 8-10-2020, through my father Rajat Kumar Kedia before the Notary Public T.C.Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary. Henceforth my name should be **SPARRSH KEDIA** only.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAMESH .G KALASA** S/o Gurunathappa Kalasa, R/A #6, Banashankari Krupa, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru-560075, have changed my name from **RAMESH KALASA** (As per BEML Service Record) to **RAMESH .G KALASA** (As per Aadhaar), vide affidavit dated 14.10.2020, sworn before **XXIV ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BALASARASWATHIE S.**, Daughter of late Sri. Sivaramakrishnan, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. 382, 2nd Floor, 15th Cross, BEML Layout, VTC, Basaveshwaranagar - Post, Bengaluru North District, Karnataka - 560 079, have changed my name from **BALA SARASWATHI S.** to **BALASARASWATHIE S.** Vide affidavit dated 15-10-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary S. Nagaraja, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Suresha. L,** S/o, Late Lakshmaiah.M, aged 45 yrs, R/a, Iggalur Village, Near Suryacity, Chandapura Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099, state that my name is entered accordingly as per my Aadhar bearing No.905937149272, but in my Son School documents my Name is wrongly mentioned as **Suresh.L.** I intend to rectify the same, vide affidavit dated:15-10-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, C N Sreekanta Sastry, Anekal.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANAAYAA KEDIA,** D/o. Rajat Kumar Kedia, R/at. No.180, Classic Orchards, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my name from **ANAYA KEDIA** to **ANAAYAA KEDIA,** & sworn to an affidavit dated 8-10-2020, through my father Rajat Kumar Kedia before the Notary Public T.C.Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary. Henceforth my name should be **ANAAYAA KEDIA** only.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JAMALABI**, W/o Fakkir Sab Doddamani, aged about 42 years, R/at No.C145, Central Jail Quarters, Central Jail Road, near Parapanna Agrahara, do hereby declare that my name has been recorded as **JAMALAVV J .YALAVAGI** in all documents, after my marriage I have called my name as **JAMALABI FAKKIR SAB DODDAMANI,** henceforth now I have changed/ corrected my name as **JAMALABI** only, vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **C. VENKATAPATHY**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BENAKA NAYAK**, S/o. Jarayaram, aged about 58 years, residing at No. 33/3, VT, Doddadunnasandra, Devanagundi Post, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, hereby declare that my correct name is **BENAKA NAYAK.** But my names as been wrongly mentioned as **BENEDICT J.** instead of **BENAKA NAYAK** in all my records. Vide affidavit dated 25-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary R.S. Vijay, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I Elumalai T.C.S/o **"Chinnaswamy T.P"** Resident of No. 1470, Nataraja Layout, Near Brigade Millenium, Kothanuru, Bengaluru have changed my name as **T.C. PRASHANTH** Vide affidavit dated 08.10.2020 sworn before notary Hegde Ganapathi Venkataraman

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAMATHA,** W/o. M. Sudharshana, R/at. No.679, 9th Main Road, 7th Sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru-560102, have changed my Daughter's name from **CHETHANA SHREE REDDY .A.S** to **CHETHANA.S.** To this effect the BBMP authority have issued Birth Certificate by changing the name of my daughter to **CHETHANA S.** on 13-10-2020

EDITORIAL

"One might be in the thick of the world and maintain serenity of mind. Another may stay in a forest, but still be unable to control his mind. ... A person attached to desire cannot get solitude wherever he may be

Ramana Maharshi

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— Ramnath Goenka

LEGAL POSITION OF T'GANA PROPERTY 'CENSUS' EXERCISE TENUOUS

The Telangana government's intention to document non-agriculture property details digitally for uploading them to the Dharani portal under the Integrated Land Management System (ILMS) may seem to be a step in the right direction, but exerting pressure on people to part with all their family details such as caste and Aadhaar is not. There is no need for the government to deploy the entire staff across the state, including those who are on Covid-19 duties, for enumeration and uploading the data to Dharani as it already has all the data with it.

Immediately after coming to power, the TRS government, on 19 August 2014, had taken up an integrated family survey of all households. No one knows what the government had done with that data and how legitimate the whole exercise was. CM K Chandrasekhar Rao, while announcing the present digital survey recently, set Dasara as the deadline for commissioning the revamped Dharani portal. Racing against time, the entire government machinery has no other work now but visit each and every household for collection and uploading of data. Interestingly, in all districts, officials are dishing out statistics of the number of properties whose details had to be collected and the work done thus far. This makes one wonder why the survey is being done in the first place when the government knows how many people possess how much property—all these details like Aadhaar and photographs are already available with government agencies at the time of registering the properties.

The most glaring deficiency in the entire process is that the exercise has no backing of law and if there is one, the government is yet to state it. The exercise could amount to a violation of Article 13 (without the backing of law) and Article 21 (infringement of personal liberty). The government should have known that for the creation of Aadhaar, an Act had been brought, but for Dharani, no such attempt was made. It is possible that linking Aadhaar with property details is not going to serve any purpose other than, probably, profiling of people and their assets. As Aadhaar data could be used only for welfare schemes, it is clear as daylight that its linking with property is verboten. If not, the government should state from which law it is drawing the power to undertake the current exercise.

TESTING TIMES FOR KERALA IN COVID FIGHT

The numbers paint a scary picture of the Covid-19 spread in Kerala. The 13th most populous state currently stands seventh overall in terms of total confirmed cases and third in terms of active cases. It added one lakh new cases in the last 12 days and its daily increase in infections is one of the highest in India at the moment. Moreover, while the rest of the nation is witnessing a downward trend, Kerala seems to have only entered its worst pandemic phase. Having said that, there's another set of numbers that should be considered while assessing Kerala's battle—the fatality and the case fatality ratio. Till Thursday, 1,089 deaths had been attributed to complications arising out of Covid in the state. In comparison, Delhi and West Bengal, each with a case count that is similar to Kerala's, have recorded close to 6,000 fatalities each. Kerala's case fatality ratio of 0.34% is among the lowest in the country.

Given Kerala's high population density (third among states) and the extent of urbanisation, a phase of rapid spread was expected. It was a question of when, not if. The worry was about the fatalities, especially considering its high proportion of elderly population—13% are above the age of 60, while the national average is about 8%. By limiting fatalities, Kerala has registered success in at least one aspect of this long-drawn fight. Early preparedness, a better healthcare system and comparatively effective implementation of containment and treatment strategies seem to have come in handy.

However, the battle is not over yet and there's no time to relax. Kerala's testing strategy is still suspect. The test positivity rate that was hovering around the 10% mark a couple of weeks ago has gone up to 18%. The daily testing, after touching a high of 73,816 samples in early October, has dropped considerably, though the pace of infection has only quickened. The over-reliance on rapid antigen tests could undo Kerala's gains. A substantial increase in active cases could test its healthcare system and lead to increased fatalities. At this critical juncture, it's essential to ensure that the situation doesn't slip out of control.

Prosperity needs stability, a semblance of equanimity and equality. ... While our social media tears asunder our own society, Bangladesh has overtaken us on just about all matrices

A MIDNIGHT PYRE FOR OUR ECONOMY TOO?

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA

Resident Editor, Karnataka, *The New Indian Express*

AMIT BANDRE

Where does one begin? There seem to be no auspicious beginnings. What one sees all around is a kind of end ... a sinking feeling. That man being washed away in the flash floods of Hyderabad—one of our best urban habitats, with cheap real estate and rentals, varied food, and a buzzing IT sector—could be the image of our times. The screaming onlookers who watched helplessly lent the picture that additional metaphoric quality, a sense of our collective tragedies.

This is a piece on climate change ... in a way. Not in the sense of weather patterns witnessing a millennial churn—though the third round of floods in Karnataka, together with the siege on humanity by a killer virus, could bring on an apocalyptic foreboding. Rude curtain calls appear everywhere. On too many things that matter to us—from the fluffy idli to the very fluffy Indian economy—dire words are being spoken. On that last-named, it's the IMF and our very own Gita Gopinath who are playing Cassandra. We may wish that India manages, miraculously, to overcome the prophecy, bouncing back from fastest 'declining' to fastest 'growing' yet again. But can we really ignore how we seem so very intent on pressing the mass suicide button on every aspect of collective social life?

Modern India is an ambitious experiment in creating symphonic beauty on a mammoth scale. History has bequeathed to us a civilisational continent: the product of a slow, tectonic fusion, ideas and effects melding into each other, shaping each other, at a glacial pace. The ugliness of power, conflict and cruelty marked it too—as the quote goes, "there is no document of civilisation that is not also a document of barbarism". The deep gash of caste stalks us still, and Gandhi's 'Last Indian' was still to be seen walking home barefoot this summer. And yet, free India dared to challenge the stasis of millennia, dreamed and decreed equality. Its official proclamations of beauty and harmony may have been surface-level and pretentious—the '*Mile sur mera tumhara*' spirit, with flashes of our natural polyglossia. But it was well-meaning, and held up a gentle template, a non-predatory, integrative ethos that sought to smooth out (at least, paper over) our ugly social realities with the hum of *samvaad*. On the ground, a kind of new India was being born, beginning to live that reality.

Now, we are throwing that baby away in the floodwaters. We are in the throes of a *tandavam*! An undeclared civil war of sorts, in which the national microphone has been snatched by the madcaps, extreme, unhinged, far from any possible centre of gravity. Witness our latest scrap ... over the Tanishq ad. Mind you, no one was even questioning the Tatas about the propriety of selling jewellery in midst of a pandemic! Surreptitiously targeting the gullible Indian mind in festival season, encouraging wasteful expenditure when thrift may be in order. Nor even about tying up womanhood with motherhood. The outrage, believe it or not, was about the social amity on show! 'How dare you show peace?' This is where we have reached. Apparently, Tanishq was trying to promote 'love jihad', not their branded jewellery. No matter how many calls were made to corporate spine (a mythical entity, to be sure), the troll-shot against our economic revival succeeded. The ad was withdrawn forthwith—a defeat that could be foretold was embraced.

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What to make of this suspended animation our Republic has entered? A governor, on his letterhead, has written a formal missive to a chief minister mocking his allegiance to the Indian Constitution! A governor is well within his right, of course, to seek information from a CM, or upbraid him on executive overreach, if any. The battle scene here is Maharashtra, and the 'secular/communal' question is suicidal from any angle: Why can't places of worship be opened if cinema halls can? The hon'ble Bhagat Singh Koshyari is a man apt to forget he is not a member of a political party talking to a former ally, but a constitutional functionary, whose primary duty is to ... ah well.

A Dalit girl's abused, broken body is set on fire in the dead of night, on a makeshift pyre ... like fugitives destroying evidence. Her parents are heckled by government, her wailing mother not allowed the last ritual embalming, not even a last look ... before the police play khap enforcers, lighting the match for this sati of law and justice. We witness in silence. This is not just rural caste power speaking, Thakurs enforcing their old writ on village India. This is that tumour spread to our modern institutions. A sign of our moral, ethical, constitutional surrender. Can any economy survive this descent into chaos? Prosperity needs stability, a semblance of equanimity and equality. Look east for wisdom—at our perennially mocked 'poor neighbour'. While our social media tears asunder our own society, Bangladesh has overtaken us on just about all matrices. Before the year is out, IMF predicts, the economy will be one of those heads. What irony! What a fitting end for our long hubris, our vanity about being 'plural', 'democratic'. A mirror inversion has occurred: We are now them, and they us. We emulate them and squander away our strengths, our moral authority. A rogue anchor is now the chief priest of our jungle. We are being swept away by the flash floods of hate, like that man in Hyderabad, with all of us screaming ineffectually from the deck of the Titanic. And for every little bit of our moral, constitutional soil that gets eroded, there's a Beijing waiting, to capture that real estate....

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REMEMBERING LAL DED, THE KASHMIRI *YOGINI*

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This year marks the 700th anniversary of the revered Kashmiri *yogini*, Lalleshwari or Lal Ded ('Granny Lal'). Though iconic in Kashmir, she is little known outside the Valley. This is despite the fact that the metaphysical tradition she represents—Shiva *advaita* or trans-sectarian monist consciousness—and some of its expressive forms share a good deal with other monist/gnostic traditions across India.

For example, Shankaracharya (Kerala), Kabir (Banaras), Guru Nanak (Punjab), Namdev (Maharashtra) and Akka Mahadevi (Karnataka) all variously espoused, like Lal, devotion to God culminating in realisation of, or union with, the supreme Absolute. Lal Ded is, then, as Indic as she is Kashmiri and offers yet another instance of Kashmir's deeply connected histories with the rest of India. Let us reprise here the life of this extraordinary saint and her significance for our times.

Though little is known about Lal, except that she was perhaps born in Pandrethan, near Srinagar, in the early 14th century and left her marital home at a young age in pursuit of God, her many sayings (*vaakh*) that seeped far and wide into popular usage in Kashmir speak for her. They also deeply influenced the local Sufi saint, Sheikh Nooruddin or Nund Rishi.

As I explain in my book *Looking Within*, Lal's *vaakhs* are often in the first person and addressed to herself. Seen in other mystics as well, this is a technique that points to Lal Ded's central teaching of turning inwards to arrive at life's greatest truths. Thus she says:

"I rejected every false belief / Immersed myself in my inner voice alone / Ultimately I saw my self looking deeply into my Self / And knew it to be You, God, in every speck."

Lal takes you on an individual's journey through the woes of the human condition, disillusionment with the world, an anguished search for God and, ultimately, to the realisation of the highest truth that liberates. Her teachings are universal: the transience and futility of material pursuits, human attachments, and emotions they generate like greed, anger, pride, and fear of loss and death.

Lal's humanism thus makes it easy to relate to her. This might explain why her sayings were preserved, till as late as the 19th century, not in any text but through popular collective memory, in songs, proverbs and hymns recited by all strata of Kashmiris. They also constitute one of the earliest compositions in Kashmiri, pioneering the emergence of literature in that tongue.

As her *vaakhs* suggest, Lal belongs to the Trika school of Kashmir Shaivism, which was represented earlier by scholar-*siddhas* like Bhatta Narayana, Utpaladeva, Abhinavagupta and Shitikantha (8th–13th century), and after Lal, by Roopa Bhavani (17th century) and Lakshman Joo (20th century), among others.

Simply put, according to Trika, all of creation is replete with one indivisible super consciousness called *Parama Shiva* or *Omkara* (the supreme principle). But human beings do not realise this truth since their intellect is clouded by delusions induced by a sensory or materialistic life. This makes them mistakenly identify with their worldly forms and roles, causing a great deal of suffering in the process, and obscuring their real identity, which is one with God, who is formless, pure consciousness.

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Lal urges a simple and spontaneous (*sahaj*) realisation or recognition of this ultimate reality by turning inwards. This is because *Parama Shiva* himself is subtle and spontaneous and resides within each of us.

"Shiva is the sole reality and witness / In whichever direction you look."

Thus people were not to be discriminated on the basis of their outward faith or customs. The inclusivism of Kashmir Shaivism was great indeed.

Lal also, like most bhakti saints, rejected external rituals, ostentation and extreme asceticism. She prescribed instead a passion for God and the quintessential yogic technique—intense concentration on the Self through observing the inflow and outflow of one's breath, which leads to the direct experience of pure consciousness. One who experiences this state no longer knows any fear or grief, not even of death, and hence becomes liberated within one's lifetime (*jivan mukta*).

Lal's life is inspiring for not only spiritual but ethical reasons. Here was a brave, young, solitary woman, with a profound understanding of the human condition, striving with acuity and determination to find a way out of the confusing morass of everyday life, social relations and emotional entanglements to the clarity and bliss of self-discovery. She stood alone and aloof in the face of apparent social censure for being such an intrepid and unconventional woman.

"When the inner light lit up within me / Off went the light outside.

Let people abuse and taunt me! / Or let them shower petals in adoration! / Nothing affects me / I am pure consciousness!

Only when I can withstand censure / Will my inhibitions break down / Let my pride be torn asunder! / Let not attacks bother me!"

No ordinary person is capable of such exceptional self-awareness and fortitude.

In our consumerist and hyperconnected modern world, we are ironically disconnected from our own inner selves, and suffer great violence and turmoil as a society consequently. Today therefore, more than ever before, Lal Ded's utterances shine brightly from across the centuries as a beacon of salvation, beckoning us to reclaim our Self and sanity.

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China and Pak in UNHRC

It is sad that countries like China and Pakistan have been re-elected as members of the United Nations Human Rights Council despite their poor performance in upholding human rights. Other countries should refuse to vote when there is no choice of competent candidates.

S A Iniyavan Abdullah, Madurai

Absence of agri minister

The absence of Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar at talks with the delegation of farmers from Punjab amounted to a lack of intent and sincerity on the part of the Centre. The minister's presence would have sent a salutary message to the agitating farmers. The government should have handled the situation better.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Remove such bureaucrats

This is with reference to *Need to discipline bureaucrats after Hathras blot* (Oct 15). The Allahabad High Court's order was welcome. The executive failed to perform its duties and the Additional Director General of Police showed little empathy to the victim's family. It is time the UP government removes irresponsible bureaucrats from key positions.

P Jayaprakash, Ottapalam

What are they hiding?

The editorial has brought the high-handedness of UP officials to the fore. What was the compulsion to cremate the alleged rape victim's body in the dead of the night, that too in the absence of her kin? It shows that there may be something that the DM and the ADGP want to hide.

Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Pros & cons of social media

This is with reference to the opinion article *Towards a more meaningful social media* (Oct 15). The article was quite informative. The author rightly talks about both the constructive and negative impacts of social media. We need to keep these in mind as social media would be a key factor in future for the development of a more democratic society.

Rithi Andal Pooja, Madurai

Not a competitor

Mainstream media has to coexist with social media and not worry about it as a competitor. It has become necessary to realise the constructive aspects of social media. Course correction is required only for how it handles negative news dissemination.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Tackle caste discrimination

This is with reference to *Scourge of caste in TN local bodies* (Oct 15). The editorial points out the painful truth and the need to address caste discrimination. However, instead of using the blanket term 'caste Hindus', the names can perhaps be mentioned. The perpetrators in the TN incidents belong to socially dominant groups who come under the BC category and in the case of the Cuddalore incident, they belong to a group that has MBC (most backward caste) status.

K Rajagopal, Bengaluru

TN should take action

The purpose of the quota system will be defeated if due respect to the elected leaders is not given. The government should ensure that action is taken in such cases of caste discrimination.

V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Taliban's ascendance

This is with reference to *Will Pakistan call off Taliban wolf at the door?* (Oct 15). The article highlights the possible ascendance of the Taliban in Afghanistan as a consequence of the insecurity created by the imminent pulling out of US troops from the country. As rightly said, the hopes of the Afghan people currently rest on the US peace initiative.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Great service to Kuchipudi

It was sad to read about the passing away of celebrated Kuchipudi dancer Shobha Naidu. She has done a great service to the dance form and is a recipient of the Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards. She will be dearly missed.

C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

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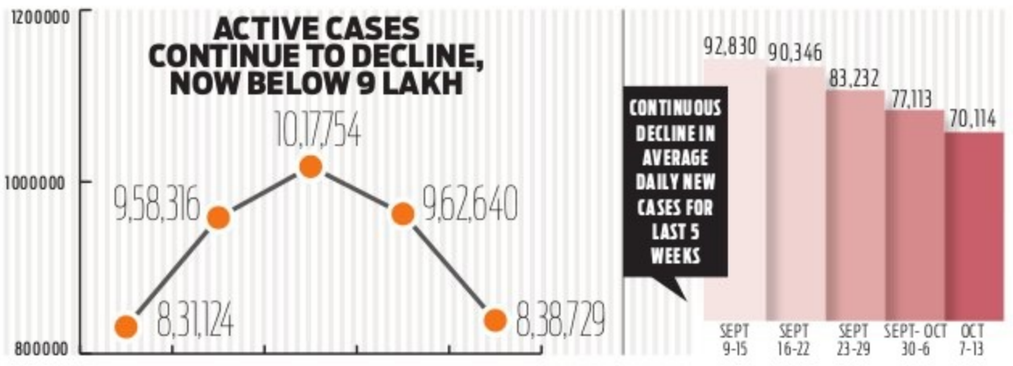
TWEETS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
We succeeded in getting rid of diseases like encephalitis with cleanliness and awareness. We have to adopt the same to overcome Covid-19

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
License of hooliganism to BJP workers in UP! When rulers are criminals, law is the slave of goons, trampling the constitution becomes Rajdharma

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
In September, India's merchandise exports recorded growth of 9.2% in Rupee & 6% in Dollar terms, against the same period last year



Covid graph sliding, India may have hit first peak

Number of cases in worst-hit states have dipped; experts warn of second wave, advise to maintain mask, social distancing protocol

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

WHILE it may still be long before Covid-19 ceases to be major public health concern, the pandemic does seem to have slowed down in India suggesting that the country may have already reached at least the first peak. A look at the infection and death curve since last few weeks shows the active as well as the daily cases detected are registering a swift decline.

Between September 9 and 15, for example, 92,839 new cases were being recorded every day on an average which came down to 70,114 between October 7 and 13. The number of active cases, too, after reaching a peak of 10,17,754 on September 18, have been declining and stood at 8,12,390 on Thursday, as per the data released by Union health ministry . The case doubling time has increased to 72.8 days from 25.5 days in mid-August.

Another positive trend is the decline in number of daily deaths. On September 29, while India registered 1,179 Covid-19 deaths within a span of 24 hours, the daily fatality count has been under 800 for last three days. On Thursday, the country recorded 680 deaths in a 24-hour period, the lowest since July 27.

The improved scenario is largely owing to the slowed pace of the pandemic in some of the worst-hit states like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The situation, however, may be worsening in some states, such as Kerala, where earlier the Covid curve was believed to have plateaued.

While some experts feel the country just may have a prolonged first wave peaking at different times in different parts, others don't rule out the possibility of the disease coming back with a vengeance. "India is a large country with huge population migration and it is likely to have first waves in different parts before the situation stabilises," said epidemiologist Dr Amitav Banerjee.

Dr Arvinder Singh Soin, senior doctor and researcher with Medanta hospital in Gurugram, pointed out that 20-50% of the urban population may have already been infected. "The curve of the first wave has probably peaked out and is now declining but we must continue masking and social distancing," he said, adding that the upcoming festive season, opening of schools and colleges, winter and pollution may cause another surge.

"We cannot open out completely to force herd immunity," Dr Soin said. "This could cost thousands of lives. But it does seem likely that once 60-70% population is exposed to Covid through natural infection or vaccination, the disease could subside."

Some others said since there is no clarity on number of rapid antigen test versus RT-PCR tests carried out, the numbers could be misleading. "With over-reliance on antigen tests, counts can go down to a level which we have witnessed over last few weeks, but infections are not going to stop with this strategy," said epidemiologist Dr P K Tyagi.

Public health researcher Oommen C Kurian said more waves were likely. "In festival season and winter, cases may surge in many states. Reducing death rate will have to be the only aim."

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Dr Amitav Banerjee, epidemiologist

PM REVIEWS VACCINE DEVELOPMENT STATUS

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday reviewed the status of Covid-19 vaccine development and their possible distribution planning, once they prove to be efficacious. The government, in a statement said that various mechanisms for adequate procurement, and technologies for bulk-stockpiling, filling vials for distribution and ensuring effective delivery were discussed. The PM appreciated the efforts made by Indian vaccine developers to rise to the Covid-19 challenge, and committed to continue government support.

WHO: HAND HYGIENE STILL THE BEST SAFETY

New Delhi: Ten months into the Covid-19 pandemic, handwashing with soap remains one of the best defenses against virus, along with other public health measures, the World Health Organisation said on the global hand-washing day. The WHO said this year marks a critical reminder that this simple, cost-effective practice can save lives. "Handwashing has always been one of the most effective ways of keeping diseases at bay," said Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO, South-East Asia.

BARC suspends news channel ratings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) on Thursday announced the suspension of weekly ratings of TV news channels for a period of three months amid the controvesy around the alleged manipulation of TRPs by Republic TV and two more channels.

This exercise would cover all Hindi, regional, English and business news channels with immediate effect, said BARC in a statement.

The BARC will, however, continue to release weekly audience estimates for the genre of news by state and language.

"In the light of the recent developments, BARC board has proposed that its technical committee review and augment the current standards of measuring and reporting the data of niche genres, to improve their statistical robustness and to significantly hamper the potential attempts of infiltrating the panel homes," said BARC.

Sunil Lulla, CEO, BARC India, said the Council was exploring options to strengthen its 'code of conduct' to address viewership malpractice.

The withholding of ratings will lead to non-availability of viewership variables like impressions, daily reach, average time spent, cumulative reach, rating percentage for impacted channels. While BARC will continue to collect and process data for the impacted channels, its technical committee would advise a protocol for release of individual channel data after this period.

Welcoming the BARC decision, the News Broadcasters Association (NBA) said this period should be used to restore the credibility of the data collected. NBA president Rajat Sharma said in order to safeguard the integrity of viewership data, human intervention in its collection and processing must be eliminated.

"The current atmosphere of toxicity, abuse and fake news is no longer tenable and NBA as the custodian and guardian of broadcast media believes a bold step of putting ratings of news genre on hold will help in improving the content," he said.

TRP rigging case accused Vinay Tripathi being produced at court in Mumbai | PTI

Given the recent developments, BARC board was of the opinion that a pause was necessitated to enable the industry and BARC to work closely to augment its already stringent protocols—Punit Goenka, chairman, BARC board

GO TO HIGH COURT, SC TELLS REPUBLIC TV

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Republic Media Group to approach the Bombay High Court in the TRP scam case registered by Mumbai Police. A three-judge bench said the high court has been working throughout the pandemic and the media group should approach it as its office is located nearby at Worli. Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the media house, expressed fear about the ongoing probe saying of late, there is a tendency that police commissioners are giving interviews.

BJP GETS LION'S SHARE OF CORPORATE DONATIONS

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

CORPORATES and business houses donated ₹876.10 crore to various national political parties in 2018-19 five national, with BJP getting the maximum donation of ₹698.082 crore from 1,573 corporates.

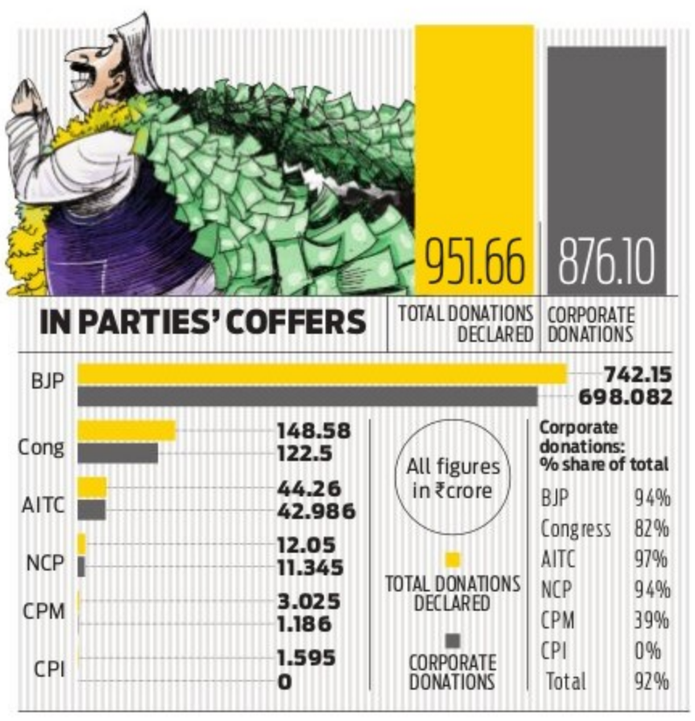
The Congress came a distant second receiving a total contribution of ₹122.5 crore from 122 corporate donors while the NCP received ₹11.345 crore from 17 corporate donors.

A report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) showed that national parties received the maximum corporate donation in the 2018-19 — the period which preceded the Lok Sabha elections — followed by ₹573.18 crore in 2014-15, the year when the 16th Lok Sabha elections were held.

The report said corporate donations received in 2018-19 constituted 31% of the total such donations received between 2012-13 and 2018-19. In the same period, donations from corporates to national parties increased by 968%.

Progressive Electoral Trust was the top donor to three national parties — BJP, Congress and All India Trinamool COngress — in 2018-19. The Trust donated three times in a single year to the three parties each, amounting to a total of ₹455.15 crore. The BJP received ₹356.535 crore while the Congress and the Trinamool received ₹55.629 crore and ₹42.986 crore, respectively, in single donations each from the Trust.

During the same year, the share of corporate/business houses to the total donations of BJP and the Congress was 94% and 82%, respectively. Out of the total of donation by corporates to the five national parties, ₹20.54 crore was from unsegregated category, which includes companies with no details available online or whose nature of work is unclear.



CASTE COUNT

SC seeks govt reply on plea for OBC census

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notice to the Centre on a PIL seeking a direction for enumeration of OBCs. A Bench headed by CJI S A Bobde sought to know why there was no enumeration of OBCs in the 2021 Census and asked the Centre and the National Commission for Backward Classes to respond to the petition in four weeks' time. The plea has been filed by advocate Sonia Saini.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had initially planned to release the data on OBCs but later decided against it. The petitioner wanted the court to direct the authorities to enumerate the OBCs in the Census every 10 years.

According to the plea, the first Census counting was done in 1872. From then until 1931, the British carried out the Census exercise and included OBCs in the list.

As per the 1931 data, which also included Pakistan and Bangladesh as a part of India, OBCs constituted 52% of the population. There has been no authentic data since then. *ENS*

SOPs for cultural events: Artistes, crew need Covid -ve certificate

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Culture released the standard operating procedure (SOP) on Thursday while opening up cultural spaces. The seating capacity for closed performance spaces would be 50 per cent of the total. There would be a ceiling of 200 persons for the audience. The seating arrangement would be such that adequate physical distancing is maintained.

The guidelines are to be followed by the management of theatres and performance spaces, as well as the entertainment/creative agencies, artists and crew or any other persons who hire the auditorium or any other open/closed performance spaces.

The ministry advised artists and crew members to present a Covid-negative test report to the authorities at the host institution. In cases where it is feasible, the management can provide a mobile testing unit at the venue. All artists and staff should be encouraged to carry food from home if possible. Felicitation of artists should be avoided, the ministry said. Audience should not be allowed to come close to artists. Staggered timings for performances would be followed to avoid crowding at the venue. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

SC to hear MP's plea on data collection

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notices to the Centre, Google, Amazon, Facebook and WhatsApp on a petition by a Rajya Sabha MP seeking directions to ensure the data of citizens collected on Unified Payments Interface platforms is not misused by these corporations. The plea urged the SC to direct RBI to frame necessary regulations.

India rubbishes Pak NSA's claim on offer of talks

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday said that there was no message sent to Pakistan seeking talks, as claimed by its National Security Adviser Moeed Yusuf and slammed his comments as misleading and fictitious.

"We've seen reports on the interview by a senior Pakistani official to an Indian media outlet...As always, this is Pakistan's effort to divert attention from domestic failures of and mislead its domestic constituents by pulling India into headlines on a daily basis," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

" The official is well advised to restrict his advise to his establishment and not to comment on India's domestic policy. The statements made by him are contrary to facts on the ground, misleading and fictitious. As regards the purported message, let me make it clear that no such message was sent from our side," he added. *ENS*

Varavara Rao's wife moves SC seeking bail for him, alleges inhuman treatment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE wife of Telugu poet and writer Varavara Rao, arrested in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Bhima Koregaon case in June 2018, approached the Supreme Court on Thursday seeking bail for him on medical grounds, claiming that Rao is being subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment.

The petition, filed by Pendyala Hemalatha, urged the court to order immediately release of Rao on the ground that his continued custody was violating his rights granted under Article 21 of the Constitution (life or personal liberty) and dignity.

The petition said that during the pendency of the petition, the 81-year-old accused "be released on temporary medical bail and be allowed to travel to Hyderabad to be with his family and loved ones".

The petition adds that when Rao was arrested, he had no neurological problems, which were confirmed during his Covid-19 treatment at Mumbai's St George's Hospital in July this year.

"It is further known that Covid-19 hampers all organs including neurological or/and every patient displays different symptoms. When the petitioner's husband was arrested on August 28, 2018, he had no neurological problems. It is therefore highly likely that Covid-19 and the fall that he had in St. George Hopital has led to neurological problems as reflected in the medical report filed by Nanavati Hospital," the petition stated.

His continued custody amounts to cruel and inhuman treatment, violating Article 21 and violative of his dignity in custody

Petition

Rao's wife has claimed he has been forced to live in inhuman conditions. She said the co-accused had called up the family and informed that Rao has been suffering from infection as his urine bag hasn't been changed for past 40 days.

"No useful purpose is being served by his continued incarceration except to torture him beyond human endurance. All bail applications are by definition urgent and ought to be given priority in hearing, especially in times of Covid."

China has no locus standi to comment on Ladakh: MEA

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MEANWHILE, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said India and China have agreed to maintain the current momentum of communication to ensure further disengagement, at the 7th commander-level meeting.

"Disengagement is a complex process that requires redeployment of troops by each side towards their regular posts on their respective sides of the Line of Actual Control," he said.

"To achieve this, the two sides will maintain the current momentum of communications, based on the guidance of our leadership not to turn differences into disputes and work towards a mutually acceptable solution for complete disengagement," Srivastava added.

India also slammed China's remarks on Ladakh and Arunachal saying it has no locus standi to comment. "The Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh have been, are, and would remain an integral part of India...We hope that countries will not comment on India's internal matters," Srivastava said.

Andhra CM's allegation against SC judge a bid to scandalise judiciary: Bar Council

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TERMING Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's letter against Justice N V Ramana, the second senior most judge of the Supreme Court, a reprehensible move, the Bar Council of India (BCI) on Thursday said it was an attempt to undermine the independence of the judiciary.

The Council said Justice Ramana and several other judges of the Andhra Pradesh High Court had been targeted by Reddy and that the letter was in retaliation to Justice Ramana's order to expedite trials in criminal cases pending against politicians.

"There is no gainsaying that numerous criminal cases are pending against the chief minister. It appears that the chief minister, by making his letter public through the media, has adopted the tactics to pressurise the Hon'ble Judge, to tarnish his image and scandalise the institution," a statement by the BCI read.

By releasing his letter to the media, the CM had made clear that he intended to malign the judges, "which is nothing but a subterfuge to shake the confidence of the public in the institution of the judiciary and administration of justice" it added. On October 11, Reddy had written to CJI S A Bobde, alleging that the judges were attempting to protect the interests of Telugu Desam Party.

NO ATTENDANCE

Opposition parties skipped a consultative meeting which the Neiphiu Rio government had convened to discuss the Naga issue. The meeting was convened amidst a stalemate in the Centre-NSCN-IM peace talks.

813 COVID COACHES DEPLOYED BY INDIAN RAILWAYS

Ahmedabad	37	23	Mumbai	29	22
Bhopal	35	24	Panaji	29	23
Jaipur	34	26	Patna	35	25
Amritsar	33	16	Lucknow	37	26
Chennai	35	26	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	36	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	25	05	Chandigarh	34	19

SC open to Allahabad HC overseeing Hathras probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday said the Allahabad High Court would monitor the Hathras case in which a 20-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly gang-raped and assaulted, leading to her death.

During a hearing before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, advocate Seema Kushwaha — appearing for the victim's family — submitted that the proceedings of the case be shifted out of Uttar Pradesh to a court in the national capital.

Advocate Kushwaha said the trial be held in a court in Delhi after the investigation was over. She also sought that CBI be asked to submit the status report of investigation directly in the apex court.

However, the bench said, "We are here as appellate, ultimate supervisory body, but let the Allahabad High Court do it. We are here if there is any problem." The court has reserved its order in the case.

Questioning on

The CBI teams visited the families of four accused in the case. Before heading to Boolgarhi village, a CBI team questioned policemen at Chandapa police station. Sources said CBI questioned the family of an accused for over three hours.

Senior advocate Indira Jaising, representing one of the intervenors, also raised apprehensions of not having a fair trial in the state, claiming that the investigation had been botched up.

"We don't expect fair trial in state of UP. The investigation has been botched up. We want intensive monitoring of the case by a Constitutional court," Jaising said. "We are not satisfied with the protection given to the victim's family and witnesses by Uttar Pradesh. Let protection be given by the CRPF as was done in Unnao case. It is the very government against whom the victim's family have grievances."

Appearing for the DGP of Uttar Pradesh, senior advocate Harish Salve requested the bench that CRPF should be deployed for security of witnesses.

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta referred to the affidavit filed by the Uttar Pradesh government, which said a three-fold security arrangement comprising five armed constabulary personnel, civil police including a guard and gunners, and CCTV cameras and lights had been put in place at the victim's house.

The woman died at a Delhi hospital on September 29. The UP government and its police drew much flak after the body was cremated in the dead of the night despite pleas from the family to carry out the ritual the next day.

BJP president JP Nadda addresses a public rally in Bihar's Rohtas district on Thursday; (Below) JD-U chief Nitish Kumar arrives for a rally in Shaikpura | PTI

Nadda showcases PM's leadership for bringing development in Bihar

Reminds voters of RJD's rule when youths, businessmen left state for greener pastures

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

BJP chief JP Nadda on Thursday chose to highlight abrogation of Article 370 in J&K, the Ayodhya Ram temple construction and the standoff with China in his campaign for the Bihar polls.

He said the national issues were tackled by the strong leadership of PM Narendra Modi and that the victory of NDA candidates in Bihar polls will strengthen Modi's hands to bring a fresh wave of development in the state.

Addressing an election rally in the second round of campaigning in south Bihar's Aurangabad district, Nadda said the infrastructure developed along the China border had "panicked" that country's leadership.

"The elections before 2014 were held on the basis of caste, community and the vote-bank politics. After Modi became the PM, the course of elections has moved to development," he said.

Taking a dig at RJD rule till 2005, he said: "Bihar has been rescued from the '*lathi-raj*' by the NDA government under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. I urge the people of Bihar not to allow the state to slide back to the days of loot and shoot".

He said RJD's Tejashwi Yadav should know what his father (Lalu Prasad) did to the state. "Businessmen had migrated and students and youths left Bihar and went to Delhi and other states. The law and order had deteriorated to such an extent that Dalit District Magistrate G Krishnaiyyah was lynched and criminals like Shahabuddin roamed freely," he said, adding all these stopped when the NDA government was formed under leadership of Nitish Kumar in the eastern state.

Congress gives ticket to Shotgun's son

The Congress on Thursday released its second list of 49 candidates for the Bihar Assembly elections, fielding Shatrughan Sinha's son Luv Sinha from Bankipur and Sharad Yadav's daughter Subhashini Yadav from Bihariganj seats. The party also nominated former MP Kali Pandey from Kuchaikote assembly constituency.

The Commission is of the view that prediction of results of elections by Astrologers, Tarot Readers, Political Analysts or by any persons during the prohibited period is violation of the spirit of the election law

Election Commission

CM Nitish sells vision of self-reliance, prosperity

PATNA: JD-U chief Nitish Kumar urged voters to give him another chance to "serve" them, saying that the NDA would ensure jobs for all and lift the people out of poverty for making Bihar a self-reliant state.

"In every district, mega skill training centres will impart training to the youths in new technology so that they get employment and generate employment to others also," Nitish said, canvassing for the NDA candidates for the first phase of elections.

He also announced that there would be a proper monitoring of all the development works in Bihar to ensure the status of a developed state. "We deliver whatever we promise. We are not like those who only announce but do nothing except increasing own wealth and income when they get a chance," he said, indirectly targeting the RJD.

Calling upon the youths to support the NDA government, Nitish said that he has been working for the betterment of state but the youths should also come out and support the government. "We have a dream to make Bihar a self-reliant state and prosperous state. For this, we have planned to start 'Seven Resolves-Part-II' if voted to power again," Nitish said. *ENS*

'FRAME-UP'

Kin of UP acid attack accused cry foul, protest

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE family members of a man arrested on Wednesday for the acid attack on three Dalit sisters of Paska town recently protested at the local police action. They were joined by local traders who alleged that the suspect had been framed.

Police sources said the accused, Ashish Chaurasiya alias Chhotu, 19, riding a motorbike tried to flee when he was told to stop by the police. The boy was returning to the town late Wednesday evening.

Police sources alleged that he opened fire at the police team who retaliated in self-defence. In the exchange of fire, the accused was injured and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

The accused had allegedly been "troubling" the eldest of the three sisters and was pestering her to talk to him, but she had refused. The accused lived near the girls' house in Paska town.

The police claimed one of the girls had seen Chaurasiya flee after allegedly committing the crime. This was backed by a neighbour who was asleep outside the house on the night of the incident, police said.

Gonda SP Shailesh Kumar Pandey said the suspect had made multiple calls to the eldest of the three victims on the day of the incident. He said Ashish had fled to Bahraich after the district police started looking for him.

After his arrest, Chaurasiya's family as well as some traders insisted he was not involved. Chaurasiya's mother Laxmi Chaurasiya demanded a CBI probe. "Shoot him if he has committed the crime, but don't send him to jail for something he has not done."

The family claimed Ashish was in Bahraich on the day of the crime and that the police were too eager to show the result in the case. But the police rejected the charges, and said the accused had made a confession during interrogation.

Agitating farmers sit outside a petrol refilling station in Patiala on Thursday during their protest against the recently passed agriculture laws | PTI

Rebuffed, farmers up the ante against 3 agri laws

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB farmers outfits showed no signs of rapprochement as they vowed to intensify their stir against the agri laws in the coming days.

Besides continuing the *Rail Roko* campaign, they resolved to go on with their indefinite siege of toll plazas, malls, corporate houses and petrol pumps. The farmers are irked especially with Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar who was not present at a meeting convened with them in Delhi on Wednesday.

Onkar Singh Agaul, general secretary of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Rajewal Group), said the *Rail Roko* will continue as usual while the siege of toll plazas, malls, petrol pumps of reliance and corporate houses will continue indefinitely. "The Union ministers coming to Punjab will be opposed and *dharnas* will be carried out at the places where virtual rallies are hosted."

Incidentally, eight Union ministers who are holding virtual rallies press conferences and addressing queries of farmers. "The ministers are trying to provoke and misguide the farmers... We were told that the minister will be there but later told that the agriculture minister had some important work so he had to go. The minister did not attend the meeting as he could not face us," Agaul said.

The farmers unions will sit on October 20 to decide our action plan after the outcome of the Punjab Assembly's one-day special session, he added.

EXPRESS READ

Spurious liquor claims 12 lives in Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal: Suspected poisoning by spurious liquor, popularly sold as Potali and Ginger, resulted in the death of 12 labourers and beggars in a day at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Ujjain SP Manoj Kumar Singh has suspended the police station in-charge, a sub-inspector and two constables for failing to check spurious liquor sale. CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan ordered a probe by the additional chief secretary (Home).

Bhanu Athaiya, first Oscar winner of India, dies at 91

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

INDIA'S first Oscar winner, costume designer Bhanu Athaiya, passed away after prolonged illness on Thursday. She was 91. She passed away peacefully in her sleep, her daughter Radhika Gupta said.

Eight years ago, she was diagnosed with a tumour in her brain. For the last three years, she was bedridden as one side (of her body) was paralysed.

Bhanu Athaiya had won the Academy Award in 1983 for the Best Costume Design for Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi* (1982) along with John Mollo.

Born in Kolhapur, Athaiya began her career as a costume designer in Hindi cinema with Guru Dutt's 1956 superhit *C.I.D.* and went on to work in over 100 films. In a career spanning five decades, she had designed costumes for iconic Hindi films like *Pyaasa, Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam, Guide, Aamrapaali, Satyam Shivam Sundaram* and *Agneepath*.

She was a noted associate of directors like Guru Dutt, Raj Kapoor, Raj Khosla and later, Yash Chopra and Ashutosh Gowariker.

Her last credited work was on Gowariker's *Swades* (2002), starring Shah Rukh Khan. She had won two National Awards — for Gulzar's *Lekin* (1990) and Gowariker's *Lagaan* (2001).

Bhanu had returned her Oscar trophy to the Academy in 2012 for safe-keeping. Her book, The Art of Costume Design, was published by HarperCollins in 2013.

She felt that in India, filmmakers never gave due importance to costume designing. She also abhorred the current trend to shop abroad and put things together.

Locked over a year, Haryana woman rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

IN a state whose government regularly harps on girl empowerment and *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* slogan, a woman allegedly locked inside a toilet by her husband for over a year was rescued in Haryana's Panipat district.

Women protection and child marriage prohibition officer Rajni Gupta said she acted upon information and rescued the woman at Rishpur village on Wednesday.

"I received information that a woman was locked in the toilet for over a year. I reached there with my team. It seems that woman has not eaten anything for many days," Rajni Gupta said. "It is being said that she is mentally unstable, but it is not true. We have talked to her and it was apparent that she is not mentally unstable. We cannot confirm whether she is mentally unstable, but she was locked in the toilet. We rescued her. We have filed a police complaint."

The woman, 35, was able to identify all family members and replied to the questions asked by the team. "Her husband could not produce document related to treatment of mental illness," Gupta said.

The victim's husband claimed she is mentally unstable. "Whenever we asked her to sit outside, she did not. We have taken her to doctors but there was no improvement in her condition," he said.

The couple is married for 17 years and has three children — a 16-year-old son and two daughters aged 15 and 11.

The police have filed a complaint. "We will take action after investigation. We will take doctors' advice and proceed further," said a police officer.

In-charge of Sanoli police station Surender Dahiya said a case was registered against the accused Naresh Kumar for subjecting a woman to cruelty and illegal confinement.

Police sources said the behaviour of her children was not good towards her. They will be counselled to find out if they were involved with their father in locking the woman inside the toilet.

Citizens light lamps on EC logo at Gandhi Maidan

In an attempt to motivate people to vote in the upcoming Bihar Assembly Elections, Patnaites lit lamps on a 2,000 sqft logo of the Election Commission of India at the historic Gandhi Maidan recently. The initiative of the Patna district administration was to encourage people to come out and vote in huge numbers. Later, the officials also administered an oath to the people for voting. Earlier, District Magistrate cum Returning Officer Kumar Ravi flagged off a motorcycle awareness rally to create awareness among the voters.

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PATNA DIARY

ECR organises first online chess competition

The East Central Railway (ECR), headquartered at Hajipur, recently organised an online chess competition for the first time for the officers and their family members. According to Rajesh Kumar, the chief spokesperson of the zone, as many as 67 participants took part in it under the three categories of male, female and children below the age of 15. "Participants played seven rounds of chess online and the winners were awarded by ECR General Manager LC Trivedi from each of three categories," Kumar said. He added that the online chess competition was organised by the ECR Sports Association. The ECR regularly hosts competitions but it is the first such initiative due to the pandemic.

NDRF conducts Covid awareness drive

The 9th Battalion NDRF, stationed at Bihta in Patna district, recently conducted a mass social awareness drive to tackle the coronavirus pandemic. NDRF personnel conducted made people aware of various aspects of Covid-19 in East Champaran, Supaul, Saran and Patna districts. They also trained people on preventive and safety measures, informed Vijay Sinha, the Commandant of 9th battalion NDRF. "During the awareness program, people were educated on how to wear face masks, maintain physical distancing of two yards and hand-washing practices," he said.

Free paediatric cardiac surgery camp held

The Patna-based Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology (IGIC) organised a free camp for Paediatric Cardiac Surgery on October 15 in collaboration with the State Health Society for children suffering from congenital heart disease at its campus. The children, aged between 0 and 18, were examined free under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram (RBSK) by a team of cardiologists. After signing an agreement with the State Health Society, the IGIC has started paediatric cardiac surgery in Bihar which was previously not being done in the state. Now, the surgery is conducted in three medical institutions - IGIC, IGIMS and IMS in Patna.

17.36 million

Americans have already voted in the presidential election, in states that report early totals

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	19	6	SNY	Los Angeles	31	16	SNY
Colombo	30	24	TDS	Melbourne	18	13	TDS
Dhaka	35	25	LC	Moscow	7	0	LR
Dubai	34	22	SNY	New York	17	9	HR
Houston	20	15	LR	Singapore	33	26	LC
Istanbul	24	18	SNY	Toronto	12	4	SNY
London	14	9	LC	Washington	17	7	LR

Trump & Biden in duelling town hall events after debate plan gets nixed

President tries to shore up support from big businesses and voters in the red state of Iowa

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump and Joe Biden will compete for TV audiences in duelling town halls instead of meeting face-to-face for their second debate as originally planned.

The two will take questions in different cities on different networks Thursday night: Trump on NBC from Miami, Biden on ABC from Philadelphia. Trump backed out of plans for the presidential faceoff originally scheduled for the evening after debate organizers shifted the format to a virtual event following Trump's coronavirus diagnosis.

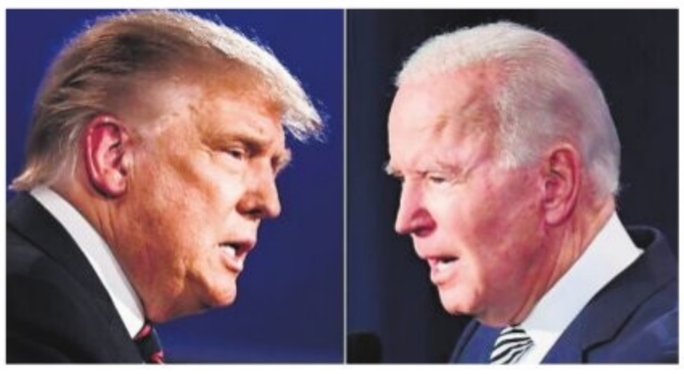
As the pace of the campaign speeds up in its final weeks, the two candidates first are taking care of other electoral necessities Thursday: Trump has a midday rally in battleground North Carolina, and Biden is raising campaign cash at a virtual event.

But with just 19 days until Election Day, there remains time for unexpected developments to throw off the candidates' plans — like they did Thursday, when Biden campaign manager Jen O'Malley Dillon announced the campaign was canceling running mate Sen. Kamala Harris' in-person campaign events through Sunday after two people associated with the campaign tested positive. Meanwhile Trump, after recovering from his own coronavirus diagnosis, has been trying to shore up support from constituencies that not so long ago he thought he had in the bag: big business and voters in the red state of Iowa.

In a Wednesday morning address to business leaders, he expressed puzzlement that they would even consider supporting Biden, arguing that his own leadership was a better bet for a strong economy. Later, the president held his third campaign rally in three nights, this time in Iowa, a state he won handily in 2016 but where Biden is making a late push. Trump claimed to be leading in the most recent Iowa poll he saw. "For me to only be up six, I'm a little bit concerned".

Trump used his economic address Wednesday to play up his administration's commitment to lowering taxes and deregulation of industry.

"I know I'm speaking to some Democrats, and some of you are friends of mine," Trump said in a virtual address to the Economic Clubs of New York, Florida, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Pittsburgh and Sheboygan, Wisconsin.



US President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden | AFP

BIDEN HAULS IN RECORD $383 MN IN SEPTEMBER

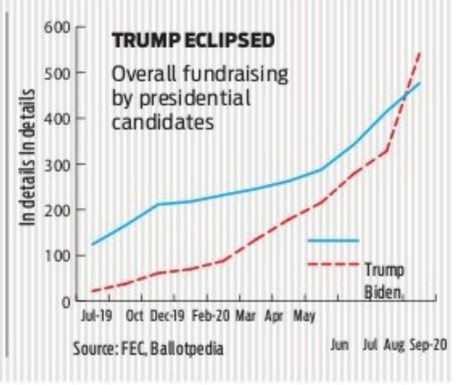
Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden raised $383 million for his election effort in September, a record-breaking sum that eclipses the unprecedented fundraising from the previous month

$432 mn

The haul leaves him with $432 million in the bank just weeks before the Nov 3 election

WHAT ABOUT TRUMP?

The Trump campaign hasn't yet released their September fundraising numbers



Senate Republicans to subpoena Twitter CEO

Senate Republicans said they will subpoena Twitter chief executive Jack Dorsey over the decision to block a *New York Post* report critical of Biden.

"This is election interference and we're 19 days out from an election," Senator Ted Cruz said, a day after the social network blocked links to the article alleging corruption by Biden in Ukraine. *AP*

Harris cancels travel until Monday after aides test +ve

WASHINGTON

KAMALA Harris, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, will suspend in-person events until Monday after two people associated with the campaign tested positive for coronavirus.

Joe Biden's presidential campaign said Thursday that Biden had no exposure, though he and Harris spent several hours campaigning together in Arizona on Oct. 8. Both have tested negative for Covid-19 multiple times since then.

It's the Biden campaign's first major coronavirus scare, after months of careful health procedures that brought mockery from President Donald Trump, even after a White House virus outbreak that included the president and first lady Melania Trump.

The Democratic campaign's cautious reaction underscores again the differences in how the rival camps have approached the pandemic, both in terms of preferred government response and the candidates' personal protocols.

The travel suspension interrupts the Biden campaign's aggressive push across a wide battleground map, including North Carolina and Ohio, the next two states Harris was scheduled to visit.

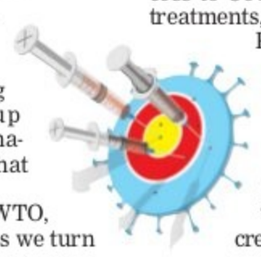
The campaign sees Harris, the first Black woman on a major party presidential ticket, as a key part of their outreach in North Carolina. *AP*

Int'l coalition backs India's plea to ease IP rules for vaccine

NEW YORK

A World Trade Organization rule on intellectual property rights will block global access to Covid-19 vaccines and should therefore be suspended, India and South Africa said in a petition to WTO this month — and now left-wing umbrella group Progressive International is backing that stance.

In a letter to WTO, the group said, "As we turn our attention to manufacturing and distribution, the WTO has a responsibility to remove intellectual property barriers and ensure a legal system is in place for accelerated technology transfer and equitable access to Covid-19 diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines."



Progressive International points to the WTO rule Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Trips), which it says was created after lobbying by Pfizer and IBM. "Twenty-five years after its introduction, it has done its job – curtailing access to life-saving medicines and vaccines, boosting the profits of major pharmaceutical companies, hobbling public health, and finally, prolonging our exit from the coronavirus pandemic," the group wrote in a *Guardian* opinion piece.

An Oxfam report from earlier this year suggested that orders for half of potential Covid-19 vaccine doses stem from a handful of rich nations.

Young people likely to get vaccine only in 2022

GENEVA

HEALTHY young people might have to wait till 2022 to get a Covid-19 vaccine as health workers and other high-risk groups will be prioritised, the World Health Organization said.

Addressing an online Q&A session, WHO's chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan said there would be at least one effective vaccine by 2021 but it would be available "only in limited quantities".

"Most people agree, it's starting with healthcare workers, and frontline workers, but even there, you need to define which of them are at highest risk, and then the elderly, and so on," Swaminathan said on prioritising who gets the vaccine first. *PTI*

US virus infections surging towards a third peak

NEW YORK

NEW coronavirus cases are surging again to a peak in the US, as the pandemic shifts to rural areas and the Midwest, the New York Times reported on Thursday.

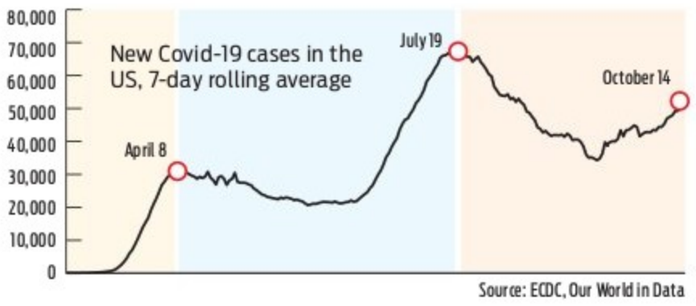
Many states are also setting weekly records for fresh cases. Other measures also point to a resurgence in the pandemic.

"We are headed in the wrong direction, and that's reflected not only in the number of new cases but also in test positivity and the number of hospitalizations," Caitlin Rivers, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University, told the newspaper. "Together, I think these three indicators give a very clear picture that we are seeing increased transmission in communities across the country."

"We are starting from a much higher plateau than we were before the summer wave," Dr. Rivers said. "It concerns me that we might see even more cases during the next peak than we did during the summer."

After the July peak, cases continued to rise in some regions of the South, such as Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Even the caseloads of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts are growing again after being flat in the summer, the Times reported.



Trump's teenage son too had coronavirus

Donald Trump's teenage son Barron contracted the coronavirus, First Lady Melania Trump revealed Wednesday in a shocking piece of news underlining how much the Republican president is struggling to divert attention away from the coronavirus pandemic in the final stages of his reelection fight. Melania Trump wrote in a statement that after she and the president tested positive for Covid-19 two weeks ago, "Naturally my mind went immediately to our son." She said the 14-year-old has since tested negative.

Senate panel to vote on Oct 22 over SC nominee

The Senate Judiciary Committee set Oct. 22 for its vote to advance Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the Supreme Court on Thursday as Democrats threw pointed objections but were unable to stop the Republicans' drive to confirm President Donald Trump's pick before the Nov. 3 election. The panel's action clears a key hurdle to recommend Barrett's nomination to the full Senate for a final vote by month's end. "A sham," said Senator Amy Klobuchar. "Power grab," decried Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Thailand declares emergency after unprecedented protest

BANGKOK

Thailand's government declared a strict new state of emergency for the capital on Thursday, a day after a student-led protest against the country's traditional establishment saw an extraordinary moment in which demonstrators heckled a royal motorcade.

After the pre-dawn declaration, riot police moved in to clear out demonstrators who after a day of rallies had gathered outside PM Prayuth Chan-ocha's office to push their demands, which include the former general's resignation, constitutional changes and reform of the monarchy.

Several top leaders of the protest movement were taken into custody, with one later declaring on his Facebook page that he had been denied access to a lawyer and was being forced onto a helicopter and taken to a city in the country's north. Police said they had made 22 arrests.

Despite a new ban against large public gatherings, thousands of people rallied again in another area of the city later Thursday. The new gathering, which appeared to have drawn more than the 8,000 people police said had attended the previous night's rally, lasted six hours and began winding down shortly after 10 pm.

Pro-democracy protesters flash three-fingered salutes during a protest as they occupied the main road in Bangkok's central business district on Thursday | AP

"It shows that no matter how many are arrested, new faces will join the protest," Patsaravalee "Mind" Tanakitvibulpon, an engineering student and protest organizer, told *The Standard*.

The text of the emergency declaration said it was needed because "certain groups of perpetrators intended to instigate an untoward incident and movement in the Bangkok area by way of various methods and via different channels, including causing obstruction to the royal motorcade."

The protest Wednesday in Bangkok's historic district, not far from glittering temples and royal palaces, was the third major gathering by student-led activists who have been for months publicly questioning the role of Thailand's monarchy in the nation's power structure. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my Clients are proposing to purchase for valuable consideration the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule written hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the 'Schedule Property' from Mrs. Nirmal George and her Children Mr. Roy George Mankaviland Mrs. Nisha Bouchet who claim to be the lawful owners in possession and occupation of the Schedule Property. It is further represented by the owners to my Client that they have lost/misplaced the original sale deed dated 23-06-1989 executed by Sri. A. Rajappa represented by his registered power of attorney holder Sri. John Thayil in favour of Mr. Cherry George and his wife Mrs. Nirmal George and registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk as Document No. 653/1989-90 and in this regarda police complaint was also lodged on 28-10-2010. However, the owners have represented to my Clients that till date they have neither found / received the original sale deed nor have they received any objection/s from any quarter whatsoever and further represented that they have not mortgaged by deposit of title deeds to any Banks / financial institutions or private lenders.

Any person/s, financial institutions, statutory authorities objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and / or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of this publication and objection and / or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my Clients and my Clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claimants/ objections from any person/s.

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All that piece and parcel of the Schedule 'A' Property being vacant Site bearing No. 12, BBMP Form-B Sl. No. 672, property No. 12, PID No. Khatha No. Sy. No. 112/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy. No. 112/1 of Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk (conversion order No. B.DIS.ALN. SR. (S). 303/88-89 dated 17-03-1989 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), situated at layout known as "PALM GROVE" of Challakere Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West: 63 + 60.6 / 2 feet and North to South: 67 + 68.6 / 2 feet, in all measuring 4179 square feet and bounded on:

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TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr. T.S. Kumaraswamy,** S/o, Shivashakar Chari, **Co-Borrower-I: Mr. Mani Murugan,** S/o, Shivashakar Chari, **Co-Borrower-II: Mrs. M. Devika,** W/o, Mani Murugan, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, **Peenya** Branch against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **16-07-2019** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 2121890000358** being **Rs. 10,43,470/-** on **10-07-2019** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **25-02-2020** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No. 2121890000358** being **Rs.12,61,904/-** as on **06-10-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	**20-11-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	**Rs.2,47,500/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Only)
Reserve Price	**Rs.24,75,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs and Seventy Five Thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	**19-11-2020,** 04.00 P.M.
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.10,000/-**

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of residential Vacant Property bearing Site No. 1, formed in Assessment No. 111/4, V.P.Khatha No. 185, situated at Nelagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Measuring:-

East to West: Northern Side - 25 ft., Southern Side - 30 ft., **North to South:** 30 ft

Totally measuring - 825 Sq.ft., along with building constructed thereon.

Bounded on:-

East by: Private Property **West by:** Road **North by:** Private Property **South by:** Site No. 2

Terms and Conditions

The intending bidders of the property should send their bids in the prescribed tender form in a closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the reserve price by means of RTGS / NEFT / DD / Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of **"Repco Home Finance Limited"** payable at **Peenya** or on the website **WWW.Bankeauctions.com.** Tender form not in the prescribed format will not be accepted.

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, **Peenya** Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. **Contact Nos. (080)-23726789, 99163-06688.**

Place: **Peenya**
Date: **06-10-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr. S. Rangaswamy,** S/o, Shivanna, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. R. Sujatha,** W/o. Mr. Rangaswamy, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, **Bangalore** Branch against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **29-08-2019** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 1121860003052** being **Rs. 1,52,01,162/-** on **26-07-2019** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **28-07-2020** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No. 1121860003052** being **Rs.1,57,42,485/-** as on **06-10-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	**20-11-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	**Rs.25,78,200/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand and Two Hundred Only)
Reserve Price	**Rs.2,57,82,000/-** (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	**19-11-2020,** 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.1,00,000/-**

Description of Property:

SCHEDULE - A:-

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.01, Katha No.144/1, Property ID No. 150200200401400147 formed in converted old Sy.No.63, New Sy.No.81, 64/1 and 64/2A, converted for residential purposes as per Irder No. ALN(N)SR/54/2004-05 DATD 24-07-2004, situated at Gowdanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, residential layout called as SAI LAKSHMI RESIDENCY, as per the plan approved by Nelamangala Planning Authority, vide Release order No. NPA/LAO/06/2005-06 DATED 12.12.2005.

Measuring:-

East to West: 66 Feet North to **South:** 40 Feet

Totally measuring 2640 Sq.Ft.

And bounded on the:-

East by: 30 Feet wide Road; **West by:** Panchayath property (GOMALA); **North by:** 30 Feet wide Road; **South by:** Site No.02.

SCHEDULE – B:-

ITEM No.1: Flat No.101, Ground Floor, Built up area 846 Sq.ft., UDS 200 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

ITEM No.2: Flat No.103, First Floor, Built up area 490 Sq.ft., UDS 205 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

ITEM No.3: Flat No.105, Second Floor, Built up area 922 Sq.ft., UDS 390 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

ITEM No.4: Flat No.106, Second Floor, Built up area 1022 Sq.ft., UDS 420 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

ITEM No.5: Flat No.107, Third Floor, Built up area 922 Sq.ft., UDS 390 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

ITEM No.6: Flat No.108, Third Floor, Built up area 1022 Sq.ft., UDS 420 Sq.ft., at Sri Lakhsmi Residency in the above Schedule A Property.

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For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, **Bengaluru** Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. **Contact Nos. (080)–41233109, 93412 69752.**

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **06-10-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

Dual listing may not be mandatory for start-ups

Companies pointed out that the exercise will mean huge compliance cost for them

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government may not insist on secondary listing in India for start-ups issuing shares in foreign exchanges.

Officials said there had been some thinking that start-ups who had huge market capitalisation should share their value increase with domestic investors by being asked to list locally even if they had listed abroad. However, in discussions with domestic start-ups, there were persistent objections with many pointing out that listing in two countries would mean huge regulatory and compliance costs on firms which were struggling to break even.

Most start-ups despite huge valuations based on funding they have attracted, remain unprofitable for a long gestation period. "Typically a start-up manages to build up huge revenue base but makes losses for 3-5 years after being set up as it takes a lot of cash burn to set up the infrastructure needed to scale up operations," said finance ministry officials.

Listing in India is tough for a start-up as rules stipulate that they maker a profit of ₹15 crore for three years before they can list. However many countries allow loss making start-ups to list and raise capital. "Dual listing is a costly business which is why start-ups prefer single listing and mostly abroad where rules for initial listing are easier," said Swapan Sarkar, past President of the Indo- American Chamber of Commerce.

Last month, amendments to the companies act allowed certain classes of securities in foreign jurisdictions even before listing in India. Earlier rules forced companies to list in a India before venturing abroad. "The problem for Indian start-ups depending solely on Indian funding is that despite many having great ideas, they are capital short and there aren't enough funds here to go around for all of them. Which is why funding from venture capital funds abroad is necessary as well as listing abroad to raise more money becomes important," said Sarkar.

Officials, however, said at a later stage they may consider asking firms which cross a certain threshold in terms of profits, revenues and number of years to list in India.

What is secondary listing?

Dual listing refers to a listing of any security on two or more different exchanges. Listing in India is tough for a start-up as rules stipulate that they maker a profit of ₹15 crore for 3 years before they can list. Many other countries allow loss making start-ups to list and raise capital.

High marketing margins offset refining blow

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

THE past few years have been tough for India's oil marketing companies (OMC), and the Covid-19 pandemic has made some matters worse. One of these is the steady collapse of profitability in the oil refining business. Gross refining margins (GRM)—the amount of money earned by refining a barrel of refined crude—has been on a spiral downward for over two years.

According to Motilal Oswal analysts, the sector's GRM has gone from $7.2 per barrel in FY18, to $4.9 in FY19, $3.2 in FY20, and finally to a negative $0.1 per barrel so far in FY21.

While other factors have eaten into GRM, "the margin worsened... due to Covid-led demand destruction," the analysts said in a note. However, this is not the case for all profitability metrics. Gross marketing margins — the amount of money earned for every litre of fuel sold —has spiked. For the first and the second quarter of this fiscal, analysts note that high marketing margins have been the saving grace for OMCs. During the first quarter, though crude prices plunged to record lows and fuel demand more than halved, OMCs did not change retail fuel prices. This resulted in record-breaking GMMs of as much as ₹18 per litre in April—which offset some of the demand destruction.

While these levels have moderated, GMMs are still higher than the earlier normal of ₹3 per litre, and are mitigating the decline in refining profits.

According to Sabri Hazarika and Tanay Gabhawala of Emkay Securities, refining margins for OMCs may be between 10-25% lower y-o-y in the second quarter, and domestic sales volumes down by 11 per cent. But, marketing margins still stand significantly higher on a y-o-y basis.

"Gross marketing margins of auto fuels stand at ₹3.8-5.8 per litre for petrol and diesel," noted Motilal Oswal analysts.

Saving grace for OMCs

Analysts say that the gross marketing margins of auto fuels are at ₹3.8-5.8 per litre, which is about 27-94 per cent higher than the normalised ₹3 per litre.

TRADE DEFICIT NARROWS IN SEPT, EXPORTS RISE

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's outbound shipments rose six per cent to $27.58 billion in September, when compared to $26.02 billion registered in September 2019, showed data released by the commerce ministry on Thursday. The rise in exports was driven mostly by an increase in demand for petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods and garments.

In rupee terms, exports were ₹2.2 lakh crore in September 2020, as compared to ₹1.85 lakh crore in last year, registering a growth of 9.19 per cent. Imports, on the other hand, contracted 19.6 per cent on the back of falling crude prices, resulting in a trade deficit of $2.7 billion compared to $11.67 billion last year in September. Imports stood at $30.31 billion, the data showed.Thursday's figures are in line with the provisional data released earlier.

According to Aditi Nayar, Principal Economist, ICRA, the reasonably broad-based pickup in merchandise exports in September has come as a relief. "The pace of contraction in merchandise imports has eased, but significantly lags the performance of exports, suggesting continued concerns regarding the strength of domestic demand," she said.

Major export commodities that have recorded positive growth include iron ore (109.65 per cent, readymade garments (10.22 per cent), rice (93.86 per cent), and pharmaceuticals (24.38 per cent). However, exports of cashew (- 44.25 per cent) and gems & jewellery (- 24.67 per cent) declined significantly last month.

Oil imports in September were $5.83 billion which was 35.88 per cent lower compared to $ 9.09 billion in September 2019. Global Brent price ($/bbl) has decreased by 34.08 per cent year-on-year in September. Data also showed that total exports were 21.32 per cent lower, while imports in April-September period were 40.06 per cent lower at $148.69 billion.

$ 125.25 bn
Total exports for April-September 2020-21

$23.44 bn
Trade deficit in April-September 2020-21

TECH ROUTE

Uber India appoints ex-Amazon exec to lead engineering team

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

UBER has hired an ex- Amazon top executive, Manikandan Thangarathnam, as senior director to lead all rider and platform engineering teams in Bengaluru. The ride hailing giant also plans to hire 85 more engineers which will be in addition to 140 techies that the company announced it was hiring last month.

Uber is stepping up efforts to strengthen its tech and engineering capabilities in India to scale up mobility services. Mani's addition to Uber's team is part of its overarching vision to strengthen its tech capabilities, as the company is positioning India as a technology hub, building and innovating for the world.

A well-known face in tech circles, Manikandan comes with over 20 years of experience in spearheading engineering efforts across global majors, including a 13-year stint at Amazon, building several core platforms and products. In his most recent role, he led engineering efforts for the Amazon Appstore and was instrumental in bootstrapping the tech major's Chennai office and building a vast team of engineers, Uber said in a statement.

"It's an exciting opportunity to join Uber and work together to transform the mobility landscape across the globe. As the world steps into a new normal, adaptability is going to be a key aspect to usher in growth. I look forward to leading the bright minds at Uber and innovating together for the world, one ride at a time," Mani said.

FinMin to look into KVIC complaints on banks not lending to biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Finance ministry has said that it will look into the complaints of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on banks unwilling to lend to small businesses.

In a recent media interview, the KVIC chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena has said that he has received several complaints about banks not agreeing to lend even to businesses with confirmed government orders. Saxena was quoted as saying that he will "soon take the issue up with the finance minister".

Reaction to the complaints, senior finance ministry official from the Department of Financial Service, said that he would look into it.

"It came to our notice. The government is very serious about the MSME sector and will take up individual cases to the concerned banks, " the official added.

During the Covid-19 crsis, small businesses were worst affected and the government has announced several schemes to handhold the small businesses.

The Ministry of Finance also announced 100 per cent Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) backed by a Government of India guarantee, as a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package with a loan corpus of ₹3 lakh crore. The Ministry had earlier asked the banks to identify the companies in the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector and provide them with loans without any collateral or processing fees.

Business & Beyond

Oil PSUs promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign

Public sector oil and gas companies such as IOC, GAIL, BPCL and ONGC will launch a portal to provide information on their capital goods requirements to domestic industry in line with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign. The portal "aims to highlight the capital goods requirement of oil and gas majors besides the items related to maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO)," said IOC.

AAI to develop airport in AP's Hollongi

Airports Authority of India (AAI) will develop a greenfield airport at Arunachal Pradesh's Hollongi, near Itanagar with an estimated cost of ₹650 crore. This airport is expected to be completed by November 2022. With 4,100 sqm, the new domestic terminal building of the Hollongi Airport will be able to handle 200 passengers.

Repaid `3,226 cr since August, says Sahara

Sahara India Pariwar said in the last 2-2.25 months alone, the group has paid ₹3226.03 crore to its 10,17,194 members. complainants. In the last 10 years, it has made maturity payments of ₹1.4 lakh crore to about 5.8 crore investors.

GRSE receives Asia's Best Employer Brand Awards 2020 for Innovation in career development

A L Prabhakar takes charge as CVO, NLCIL

A L Prabhakar, belonging to Indian Railways Stores Service (IRSS), assumed office as the Chief Vigilance Officer of NLC India Limited at Neyveli. Prabhakar, who is currently holding the charge as CVO of Madras Fertilizers Ltd., Chennai, has been entrusted with additional charge of the post of CVO, NLC India.

Indian Bank details loan restructuring rules

State-run Indian Bank has launched an exclusive web portal with effect through which borrowers can submit the requests for restructuring their personal loans - i.e home loan & related products, education loan, vehicle loan etc, as permitted by the Reserve Bank of India. Requests will be registered with a unique reference number.

EXPRESS READ

ICICI bank facilitates WhatsApp banking

New Delhi: ICICI Bank has launched services to enable customers to create fixed deposits (FDs), pay utility bills and access details of trade finance instantly on WhatsApp. The new services scale up the total number of banking services available to its customers on WhatsApp to 25 now, the company said.

Lakshmi Vilas Bank gets nod to raise ₹ 500 cr

New Delhi: Lakshmi Vilas Bank on Thursday said its board has approved plans to raise up to ₹500 crore through a rights issue via issuance of shares on rights basis to existing shareholders. Last week, the private sector lender said it had received a non-binding offer from Aion-backed non-banking finance firm Clix Group for a merger.

Haven't received any formal request from SP Group for separation: Tata

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Tata Group on Thursday said that it has not received any formal request or proposal from the Shapoorji Pallonji Group to separate itself from the Tata Group. SP Group, which owns 18.5 per cent stake in Tata Sons, on September 22 had told the Supreme Court that it is ready to sell its stake provided it gets an early and a fair and equitable solution.

"After the Supreme Court's order... disallowing the SP Group to pledge any Tata Sons shares, the SP group issued a press statement later on the same date, which states their desire to separate from the Tata Group. This statement has resulted in considerable confusion and speculation in the media," Tata Sons said in statement. "Tata Group states that they have till date not received any formal request or proposal from the SP group on this matter. In any event, since the matter is sub-judice before the Supreme Court, Tata Sons will wait for the court proceedings to resume, which are scheduled for October 28," the statement added.

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Tata Sons statement

SP Group had earlier issued a press statement stating their desire to separate from the Tata Group after being together for over 70 years. The decision came after the apex court had restrained the SP Group and Cyrus Mistry from pledging or transferring their shares in Tata Sons. "The Shapoorji Pallonji-Tata relationship spanning over 70 years, was forged on mutual trust, good faith, and friendship...It is with a heavy heart that the Mistry family believes that a separation of interests would best serve all stakeholder groups," SP Group had then said.

ASIA'S LONGEST

Work on Zojila tunnel kicks off

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WORK on the strategically important Zojila tunnel was kicked off by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday, who exuded confidence that the project will be completed ahead of schedule. The tunnel—which will connect Srinagar Valley and Leh—is being constructed by Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL), who won the bid with a project cost of ₹4,509.5 crore earlier this year. The 14.15-km Zojila tunnel project is strategically important since the Zojila Pass is situated at an altitude of 11,578 feet on the Srinagar-Kargil-Leh National Highway, which currently remains closed during winters.

Once completed, the tunnel which is touted as Asia's longest, will reduce travel time on the stretch from the current 3 hours to 15 minutes. "It is a moment of pride for India. I am confident that it will be completed in four years and the PM will inaugurate it before the code of conduct for the next Lok Sabha elections," Gadkari said. The project has a completion schedule of 6 years. It had been re-awarded to MEIL after the authorities terminated the previous contract awarded to an IL&FS group firm, which had abandoned the project, citing financial constraints.

FESTIVE CHEER

Smartphone makers line up lucrative offers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS Flipkart and Amazon are set to begin their respective festive season sale this year, smartphone brands have decided to offer big discounts from their own end.

Mi India on Thursday announced price cut of up to ₹5,000 on its smartphones, while Samsung said consumers can expect discounts as much as 60 per cent and cashback offers of up to 12.5 per cent on select products.

The two brands dominate India's smartphone market and compete fiercely for the number one spot.

Raghu Reddy, Chief Business Officer, Mi India, said, "With 'Diwali with Mi', we are making these products more accessible with exciting offers and are confident that we will keep up the momentum for a strong festive season this year as well. We believe that these offers will further enhance our market leadership and add more joy to this festive season."

Currently priced at ₹49,999 and ₹54,999 for 8GB +128GB and 8GB + 256GB variants, respectively, the brand's flagship smartphone Mi 10 will be available at ₹44,999 and ₹49,999, respectively, on Amazon, Flipkart and Mi.com. Offer on most of brand's other smartphones ranges between ₹500 - ₹1500.

Samsung is offering 40 per cent discount on select Galaxy smartphones such as Samsung's flagship Galaxy S20+. The Korean brand is also offering up to 60 per cent off on select accessories such as wireless chargers and JBL speakers on its platform Samsung.com. Consumers can enjoy up to 45 per cent discount on a range of TV and Home Appliances.

"We are geared to serve India's 99 per cent of the PIN codes with deliveries...," said Asim Warsi, senior vice-president, Samsung India.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

MARICO

Current Price ₹361.2

Target Price ₹440

Distribution network has rebounded to near pre-COVID levels despite intermittent supply chain disruptions across locations due to localized lockdowns. MRCO's resilient product portfolio has seen an uptick across categories as consumer sentiment improved across India. While material costs may see mild inflation, Marico is well placed to offset it through higher growth and cost optimization.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *TNIE*.

Oz Open chief wants quarantine relaxed

Australian Open chief executive Craig Tiley wants international tennis players arriving for the first Grand Slam of 2021 to be exempt from the 14-day hotel quarantines that are mandatory for inbound travelers. Tiley on Thursday said he remains 'absolutely' confident the Australian Open will go ahead as planned from January 18 to 31.

IPL has moved past the half-way stage in the UAE. There have been some great performances as well as some middling efforts. In the midst of it all are the six Indian captains trying to corner glory. Here is a progress report of the Indian skippers...

CAPTAINS' PLANET

Shreyas Iyer
(Delhi)

Delhi were one of the favourites. And so far, Iyer has lived up to that expectation. He served up a sneak peek last year as they advanced to the Playoffs and they look primed to do that again. The way he has used Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje in the death is an example of perfect planning and execution.

8/10

KL Rahul
(Punjab)

This isn't how he thought it would be. The Orange Cap is a nod to consistency but there are questions about his strike rate. His rotation of bowlers at the death has left a lot to be desired. Their work suggest he still doesn't know what his best team is and that's an indictment after playing 8 matches.

3/10

Virat Kohli
(Bangalore)

He has corrected some historical flaws and it's finally showing. A reliable opener in Devdutt Padikkal and a decent death-overs operator (Chris Morris) has made a world of difference to their team. The captain himself seems to be calmer than usual and it's showing in the victories (four in the last five).

6.5/10

Dinesh Karthik
(Kolkata)

KKR are not where they are not due to their captain's below par efforts on the field and strategy off it. He persisted with Sunil Narine up the order, he himself is out of form & still hasn't used Andre Russell properly. The Indian bowling has bailed him out many times but he needs to find a way to play Kuldeep Yadav.

4.5/10

MS Dhoni
(Chennai)

His ability to separate emotion & go with calculated decisions made him a fine captain. Of late, he has been going with emotion & that's held team back. He has retained faith in individuals who are over the hill — not a good trait of a skipper. He needs to know that it's beyond him to score 40-50 off last 3 overs anymore.

4/10

Rohit Sharma
(Mumbai)

The hallmark of a good team is the one in which all of them know what their roles are. Most of it comes down to Rohit, who lets the team be. They have only used 12 players and 10 of them have featured in all 7 matches. This can only happen when the captain shows faith in his charges and has belief in all the pre-laid plans.

8.5/10

Mumbai start as favourites

Their current form as well as history favour Mumbai as they take on Kolkata on Friday...

MI a complete package

Mumbai have won four games on the trot. The likes of Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav are among runs. In the bowling attack, Trent Boult, Jasprit Bumrah have been effective. Even the middle-order comprising Hardik Pandya and Kieron Pollard has fired.

Inconsistent KKR

Despite winning four out of seven matches, Kolkata remain to be one of the inconsistent sides this edition. Barring Shubman Gill (254 runs) in batting, the rest have lacked consistency. Andre Russell's six wickets is the best for KKR bowling.

HEAD-TO-HEAD : **MI 20, KKR 6**

KXIP leave it for late after early cruise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE first innings of the Royal Challengers Bangalore and Kings XI Punjab witnessed a big surprise when Virat Kohli's men were batting. Washington Sundar and Shivam Dube walked ahead of in-form AB de Villiers, in Sharjah on Thursday. The decision to demote the South African was baffling considering the South African had hit a scintillating half-century in their last game at the same venue. The plan failed, as he scored two.

But, Punjab taught Bangalore a lesson or two, putting a player's form over everything else when it came to their batting line-up. They could have opened with Chris Gayle, who managed 45 to play an integral role and set the base for others to follow. Punjab, once again, nearly faltered from a winning position (2 needed from last over), but Nicholas Pooran hit a last ball six to secure the victory. This is their second win of the season and both have come against Bangalore.

KL Rahul hit 61 off 49 | SPORTZPICS

The openers were in full flow in the powerplay. That flying start of 56 in the first six overs meant, even after Mayank was out in the eight over, Gayle (53) could take his time. The southpaw was 6 from 14, but changed gears after getting his eye in. But it was Rahul, who put them in control.

was playing his first match of the season, but they stuck to KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal's combination at the top. And they showed why.

Chasing 172 to win, both delivered, with Rahul remaining 61 not out while his partner

Brief scores: RCB 171/6 in 20 ovs (Kohli 48, Morris 25; M Ashwin 2/23) lost to KXIP 177/2 in 20 ovs (Rahul 61 n.o., Gayle 53).

State govt allows pools to reopen for competitive swimmmers

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government on Thursday issued an order allowing swimming pools in the state to open with an immediate effect. The Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA), after receiving the official confirmation, expects pools for competitive swimmers to open gradually with all centers following the existing standard operating procedures (SOPs).

The protocols include mandatory Covid tests, six feet social distancing among other measures. "Yes, we have got the official order for the pools be re-opened," a KSA official told this daily. "But, yes the state has only allowed government swimming pools and the KSA affiliated unit pools to be opened for competitive swimmers."

Most of the centers in the country have already started the process to get their swimmers back into the pool, with athletes being tested for Covid.

Two Dolphin Aquatics centres in Yelahanka, and Halasuru, will open from Saturday. "The tests have been done and we are awaiting the reports. That is why we have not started so far." said Nihar Ameen, managing director of Dolphin Aquatics.

However, some of the pools in the city are in no mood to press the restart button immediately. One of them being Nisha Millet's Swimming Academy. They have around eight centers in Bengaluru, out of which two are used by competitive swimmers. But, they have decided to start with only one center in Koramangala early next month.

"We will only be opening that one pool on November 1. We are not going to be in a hurry. We could have opened it straight away, but we want to get a few more things in place. We have to get swimmers, coaches and everyone coming to the pool tested for the virus before starting the facility," said former India swimmer Nisha Millet, director and head coach of the academy.

CHESS

Crucial AICF verdict listed for Nov 9 at Madras HC

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

THE All India Chess Federation (AICF) dispute being heard in Madras High Court is expected to come to a conclusion next month. The single-judge bench heard arguments of both sides on Thursday and listed the case for verdict on November 9.

After a few previous rounds of sparring in court, the matter heard on Thursday was an 'impleadment application' filed by 18 state units, which says that they had called for an online general special meeting on April 22. Various drastic decisions were taken in that meeting, like removal of PR Venketrama Raja from the post of AICF president. In an interim order dated August 28, Madras HC had declared that meeting null and void.

The Raja group has also filed applications, maintaining that the online meeting was unlawful. Apart from five state associations disaffiliated in that meeting, five officials including Raja suspended in the meeting and Raja himself as AICF president have filed separate appeals. According to them, that meeting was held in violation of AICF rules.

However, 18 is a significant number in a federation constituted by 33 state associations. The faction headed by secretary BS Chauhan, who is also contesting Raja's decision to suspend him on March 31, is claiming that associations believed to be loyal to Raja are among the 18, which shows who has the majority. Numbers are important at the moment, considering that elections in AICF will be held as soon as the situation becomes normal.Aware of the significance of the strength of 18, the Raja camp is saying this is not the true picture.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Lovlina positive, boxers may fly in batches

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THERE was a late twist to the boxers' Europe trip on Thursday. The men's and women's teams were set to fly out for Italy for training and competition on Friday but in a late development, Lovlina Borgohain tested positive for coronavirus. She was part of the 28-member contingent that was supposed to leave in batches for Europe.

According to Sports Authority of India (SAI), the World Championship medallist tested positive four days after she returned from Assam. She had gone home to meet her ailing mother and was tested negative on arrival on October 11 in Patiala. According to SAI protocol, she spent time in isolation.

Though there were doubts over the trip, the positive test, according to BFI, should not stall the first batch's departure. The situation will be assessed on Friday. The men's team will leave first as only 15 seats were available on a flight to Paris. There is a possibility that a few women boxers could have come in contact with Lovlina and their departure will be delayed. If the delay is long, then the two teams might leave together also.

Interestingly, Thursday's efforts to get the boxers on flight had its share of drama too. The BFI got the passports with visas of the athletes in the morning from the Italian embassy and the boxers got their Covid-19 tests done, as Italian travel advisory mandates travellers from India to take a Covid-19 test within 72 hours of arrival.

The pugilists were expected to assemble in Assisi, where they will be joined by pugilists from countries like Ireland. "We will have a round of competition with some of the top boxers from these countries at Assisi," said an official. The team is also expected to travel to France for a competition in the end of October. The rise in Covid-19 cases in Europe has been a concern for the BFI and the officials would not want to risk the health of the boxers. However, boxers will skip an event in Poland because of Covid-related restrictions.

The boxers, apparently, will be tested once they reach Assisi and then enter a bio-secure bubble. "Boxers from countries like Ireland too will be there for training and we will have a round of competitions with them in Italy itself," the official pointed out.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BENGALURU
(Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st & 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru 25)
O. A. No. 399 / 2019
BETWEEN: BANK OF BARODA ...Applicant
AND: Mrs. SUDHA RAJASHEKAR VARMA ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED U/R 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.10,00,840/-** together with current and future interest and for the reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 A. M.** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on **17.02.2021** to answer the claim.

2. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal.
3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list alongwith the written statement.
4. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.
5. Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 14th day of October 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

To: Mrs. SUDHA RAJASHEKAR VARMA
W/o Mr. Rajashekar Varma,
Proprietrix, **M/s S R VARMA ASSOCIATES,**
No.339/311, 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, Gokula, Bangalore 560 054.
Also at: B-008, Rajalakshmi Kutul Apartments, 17th Cross, 10th 'A' Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560055.

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Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Deprtment, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura
Ph: 08156-270058. e-Mail: eerdwsd.ckb2@gmail.com

No.: EE/RDW&SD/CBP/JE1/2020-21 Date: 13.10.2020

Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 16-call-2/2020-21 Date: 13.10.2020

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Chickballapur Invites request for proposal of tenders from the eligible bidders for the work detailed in the table below. Two Cover & One Cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenderers are required to submit tenders through e-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (JJM). Tenders are invited through e-Procurement portal for the below mentioned work. **(1)** Downloading of documents through e-portal: **14.10.2020 time 4.30 PM onwards. (2)** Last date & time for Receipt of Bids: **21.10.2020 time 4.30 PM. (3)** Date & time of Technical Bid Opening: **23.10.2020 time 11.00 AM. (4)** Date & time of Financial Bid Opening: **24.10.2020 time 11.00 AM.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&SD, Chikkaballapura.

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Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Government Secretariat
M.S Building, Bengaluru.

No: RD 25 GRC 2019 Dated : 24.09.2020

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the reports of the District Magistrate, i.e Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that the WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited are involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the District Magistrate, i.e Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited. Therefore, the Government hereby attaches all movable and immovable properties as specified in the Annexure1 and 2 to this order believed to have been acquired by the WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the WAM Services (OPC) Private Limited and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid movable and immovable properties, from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Vijay D.S)
Under Secretary to Government
Revenue Department (Special Cell)

ಅನುಬಂಧ–I

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West:	Nelleri Paramb, Nayikalla Chal paramba
South:	Nayikalla Chal paramba

ಅನುಬಂಧ–2

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Account Holder	Name of the Bank and its Branch	Account Number	Amount Available in Rs.
1.	WAM Export Pvt. Ltd, Nl.PH3-43-701, 7th Floor, Apartment FLR, Emaar Palm Hills, Sector 77, Gurgaon, Haryana	ICICI Bank Sector-24 Branch, Gurgaon	002105025385 (IFSC ICIC0000021)	11,34,280/-
2.	WAM Export Pvt. Ltd, Nl.PH3-43-701, 7th Floor, Apartment FLR, Emaar Palm Hills, Sector 77, Gurgaon, Haryana	IDBI Sector-24 Branch, Gurgaon	116110200000389 (IFSC : IBKL0001161	6,84,212/-
3.	WAM Export Pvt. Ltd, Nl.PH3-43-701, 7th Floor, Apartment FLR, Emaar Palm Hills, Sector 77, Gurgaon, Haryana	YES Bank K.B Road Branch, Bengaluru	010563300005831 (IFSC : YESB0000105)	4,47,097/-
4.	WAM Export Pvt. Ltd, Nl.PH3-43-701, 7th Floor, Apartment FLR, Emaar Palm Hills, Sector 77, Gurgaon, Haryana	INDUSIND Bank, M.G.Road Branch, Bengaluru	201003146164 (IFSC : INDB0000556)	41,96,541/-
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DIPR/DDU/Zen/R.O:1385/2020-21

BepiColombo, the European-Japanese spacecraft bound for Mercury swung by Venus on Thursday, using the latter to adjust its course on the way to the solar system's smallest planet and took a black-and-white snapshot of Venus from a distance of 17,000 kilometres.

In a study published in the journal *Gut*, researchers have found an increased risk of death in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and advanced fibrosis or cirrhosis.

EXFILE

Artificial blood vessels

Researchers from China and Switzerland have developed electronic blood vessels that can one day help in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases. A study published in the journal *Matter* shows how the artificial blood vessels can be tuned to address subtle changes in the body after implantation. We take a look

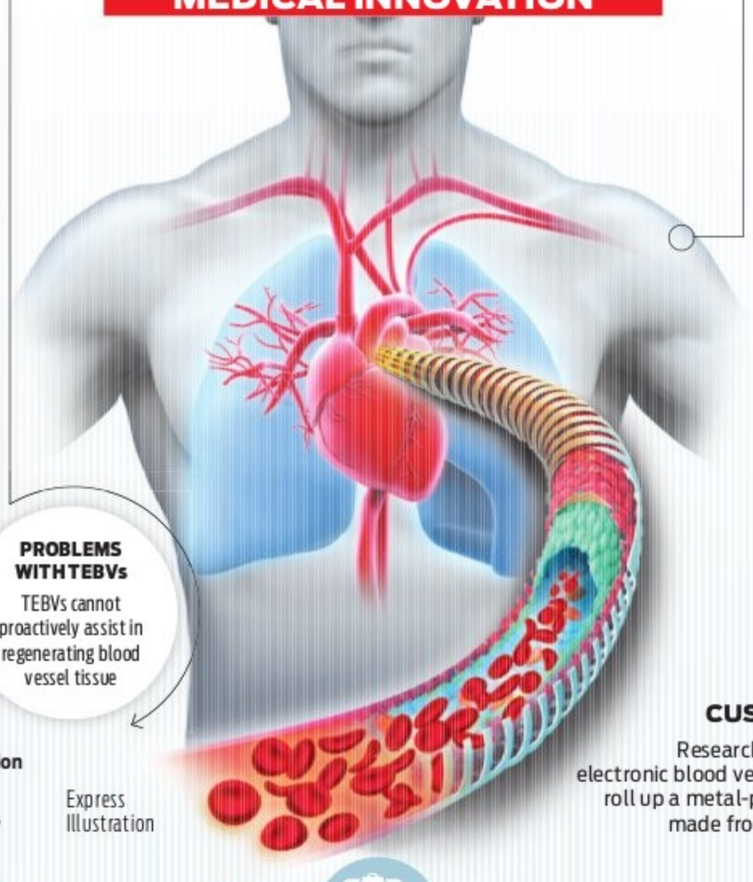
MEDICAL INNOVATION

MATERIALS

- The blood vessels are made of a metal-polymer conductor membrane
- This makes them flexible and biodegradable
- They can also mimic natural blood vessels

OVERCOME CONVENTIONAL APPROACHES

The new tech can help overcome limitations of **conventional tissue engineered blood vessels** (TEBVs), which serve as passive scaffolds, by coordinating with other electronic devices to deliver genetic material, enable controlled drug release and facilitate the formation of new endothelial blood vessel tissue



PROBLEMS WITH TEBVs

TEBVs cannot proactively assist in regenerating blood vessel tissue

We take the natural blood vessel-mimicking structure and go beyond it by integrating more comprehensive electrical functions that are able to provide further treatments, such as gene therapy and electrical stimulation

Xingyu Jiang, lead author, Southern University of Science and Technology

Express Illustration

HEALING PROPERTIES

1. The researchers showed that electrical stimulation from the blood vessel increased the proliferation and migration of **endothelial cells** in a wound healing model, suggesting that electrical stimulation facilitates formation of new endothelial blood vessel tissue
2. They also integrated the blood vessels' flexible circuitry with an electroporation device, which applies an electrical field to make cell membranes more permeable
3. They observed that the combined technologies delivered green fluorescent protein DNA into three kinds of blood vessel cells in the lab

CUSTOM-MADE VESSELS

Researchers fabricated biodegradable electronic blood vessels using a cylindrical rod to roll up a metal-polymer conductor membrane made from poly(L-lactide-co-e-caprolactone)

TESTED ON RABBITS

The researchers tested the device in New Zealand rabbits, replacing their carotid arteries — which supply blood to the brain, neck and face — with electronic blood vessels

They monitored the implants using doppler ultrasound imaging over the course of three months, finding that the device allowed for sufficient blood flow the entire duration

NEED FOR MORE STUDIES

While these electronic blood vessels demonstrated promise as surrogate arteries in rabbits, researchers acknowledged the need for further improvement, before the technology is ready for human trials

FINDINGS

Imaging tests that use X-rays and dye to check inside arteries showed that the artificial arteries appeared to function just as well as the natural ones had, with no sign of narrowing

When researchers removed the implants and analysed the rabbits' internal organs, they discovered no evidence that the devices had produced an inflammatory response

Beware of Covid-19 spread via droplets in winter

Droplets travel longer distances in cooler and humid environments, which explains why meat processing plants report more infections

MEDICARE

LOS ANGELES: While transmission of the novel coronavirus as small aerosol particles is more significant in summer, direct contact with respiratory droplets may be more pronounced in the winter months, according to a new research.

The modelling study, published in the journal *Nano Letters,* also noted that the currently followed physical distancing guidelines are inadequate in curbing the transmission of Covid-19.

"We found that in most situations, respiratory droplets travel longer distances than the six-foot social distance recommended by the CDC," said Yanying Zhu, co-author of the study from the University of California (UC) Santa Barbara in the US.

In indoor environments such as walk-in refrigerators and coolers, where temperatures are low and humidity is high to keep fresh meat and produce from losing water in storage, the scientists said this effect is increased with the droplets transmitting to distances of up to six metres (19.7 feet) before falling to the ground.

They said in such environments, the virus is particularly persistent, remaining "infectious from several minutes to longer than a day in various environments."

"This is maybe an explanation for those super-spreading events that have been reported at multiple meat processing plants," Zhu said.

At the opposite extreme, in hot and dry places, the researchers said respiratory droplets more easily evaporate. In such conditions, they said the evaporated droplets leave behind tiny virus fragments that join the other aerosolised virus particles that are shed as part of speaking, coughing, sneezing and breathing.

A group elderly women sitting on a bench in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday | AP

"These are very tiny particles, usually smaller than 10 microns. And they can suspend in the air for hours, so people can take in those particles by simply breathing," said study lead author Lei Zhao.

In summer, the scientists said aerosol transmission may be more significant compared to droplet contact, while in winter, droplet contact may be more dangerous.

"This means that depending on the local environment, people may need to adopt different adaptive measures to prevent the transmission of this disease," Zhao said.

So in summer, aerosol transmission may be more significant compared to droplet contact, while in winter, droplet contact may be more dangerous... This means that depending on the local environment, people may need to adopt different adaptive measures to prevent the transmission of this disease

Lei Zhao, study's lead author

The scientists recommended greater social distancing if the room is cool and humid, and finer masks and air filters during hot, dry spells.

According to the researchers, hot and humid environments, and cold and dry ones, did not differ significantly between aerosol and droplet distribution.

They believe the findings could serve as useful guidance for public health decision-makers in efforts to keep the Covid-19 spread to a minimum.

"Combined with our study, we think we can maybe provide design guidelines for the optimal filtering for facial masks," Zhao said.

He added that the research could be used to quantify real exposure to the virus — how much virus could land on one's body over a certain period of exposure.

According to the scientists, the insights, "may shed light on the course of development of the current pandemic, when combined with systematic epidemiological studies."

MOON'S MAGNETIC FIELD SAVED EARTH FROM RADIATION

ASTRONOMY

NEW YORK: The Moon played a huge role in the evolution of life on Earth. A new study suggests that our natural satellite once had a magnetic field that helped shield our home planet from harmful solar radiation during a critical early time.

The shared magnetic field situation, with Earth and Moon's magnetospheres joined, could have persisted from 4.1 to 3.5 billion years ago, according to the NASA-led study published in the journal *Science Advances.*

"The Moon seems to have presented a substantial protective barrier against the solar wind for the Earth, which was critical to Earth's ability to maintain its atmosphere during this time," said Jim Green, NASA's chief scientist and lead author of the new study.

Scientists have long known about Earth's magnetic field, which causes the beautifully coloured aurorae in the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

Thanks to studies of samples of the lunar surface from the Apollo missions, scientists figured out that the Moon once had a magnetosphere, too.

The new study simulated how the magnetic fields of the Earth and Moon behaved about four billion years ago.

Scientists created a computer model to look at the behaviour of the magnetic fields at two positions in their respective orbits. At certain times, the Moon's magnetosphere would have served as a barrier to the harsh solar radiation raining down on the Earth-Moon system, scientists said.

That is because, according to the model, the magnetospheres of the Moon and Earth would have been magnetically connected in the polar regions of each object.

Over time, as the Moon's interior cooled, our nearest neighbour lost its magnetosphere, and eventually its atmosphere.

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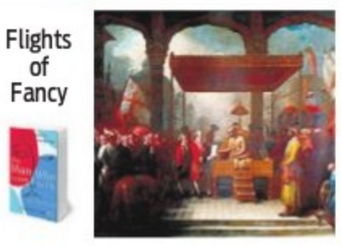

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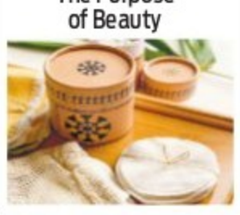

FLAWED CONCEPT?

experts criticise US' herd immunity approach to Covid

RESEARCH

PARIS: Proponents of allowing the new coronavirus to circulate among populations in the hope of achieving herd immunity are promoting a "dangerous fallacy" devoid of scientific proof, dozens of health experts said on Thursday.

In an open letter published in *The Lancet* medical journal, more than 80 specialists from universities across the world said that the only effective way of limiting excess deaths during the pandemic was to control the disease's spread.

The letter comes after numerous US media this week reported that senior Trump administration officials had voiced support for an online declaration advocating herd immunity which gathered more than 9,000 signatories worldwide. As a second Covid-19 wave batters Europe, several countries have reintroduced controls on movement and implemented regionalised lockdowns.

The authors of Thursday's letter said that the social and economic impacts of confinement had led to "widespread demoralisation and diminishing trust" in government measures to get a handle on the virus. The second wave has also led to a renewed interest in so-called herd immunity, which suggests allowing a large uncontrolled outbreak among people considered to be at low risk of death or serious illness from the virus.

The health experts listed numerous flaws in the concept.

Firstly, "uncontrolled transmission in younger people risks significant morbidity and mortality across the whole population," the letter said.

This would have a catastrophic human and financial cost, besides overwhelming healthcare systems. The authors also noted that it is possible to become reinfected with Covid-19.

Herd immunity offers no guarantee that those who caught the virus would remain immune to it for any meaningful length of time. This would present a risk to vulnerable populations for "the indefinite future", the authors said. Such a strategy would result in "recurrent epidemics" of Covid-19 similar to those caused by numerous infectious diseases.

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